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PHONE. BREKID ARRANGEMENTS MADE TODAY THROUGH LOCAL TELEPHONE  
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PHONE. BREKID. INFORMANT TODAY INSISTED ON PROCEEDING ELKHART INDIANA AT 4 P. M. WHERE HE WILL LOCATE AT HOTEL AND TOMORROW 9 A. M. WILL MAKE CONTACT BY TELEPHONE WITH CONTACT IN TOLEDO OHIO. WE WILL COVER THE CONVERSATION ON TELEPHONE AT TIME HE MAKES THIS CALL. AGENTS BORNW, SULLIVAN, MADALA. WILL BE AT ELKHART INDIANA TONIGHT. I WILL BE REGISTERED TONIGHT ELKHART HOTEL ELKHART AS EDWARD JOSEPH CONRAD. THE BALANCE OF THE AGENTS BEIG TAKEN FROM CHICAGO WILL PROCEED FROM CHICAGO AND BE AVAILABLE AT SOUTH BEND INDIANA AT 8-30 AM TOMORROW MORNING TO AWAIT MY INSTRUCTIONS. AFTER CONTACT IS MADE I WILL ENDEAVOR TO ADVISE THE BUREAU OF MY LOCATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE PLACES TO WHICH I MAY HAVE TO PROCEED. TEMPORARILY IN THE ABSENCE OF FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS I CAN BE REACHED THROUGH AGENT S K MCKEE

*Edw. S. Brennan  
Confidential Informant*

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OUR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT HAS REQUESTED THAT WE PAY HIS EXPENSES FOR THE TRIP IN QUESTION AND AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO PAY \$100 FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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PHONE. BREKID. INFORMANT MADE CONTACT AND PARTIES HERE ARRANGED CONTACT FOR HIM AT PLACE NEAR TOLEDO AND SUBJECTS FAILED TO APPEAR. PARTIES AT TOLEDO FAILED TO INDICATE WHY ARRANGED MEETING DID NOT TAKE PLACE AND INSISTED HE LEAVE UNTIL MONDAY. OUR INFORMANT RETURNING CHICAGO WHERE THEY WILL CALL HIM MONDAY AS TO WHETHER HE IS TO RETURN HERE MONDAY FOR WORK PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INFORMATION FURNISHED WHICH WE ARE CHECKING HERE DISCREETLY IN MEAN TIME FOR LOCATION OF THE CONTACT POINT THEY TOOK INFORMANT TO. ALSO CHECKING CEDAR POINT WHERE ALL PRESUMABLY WERE DURING SUMMER. HOWEVER THIS IS SUMMER PLACE AND IS NOW CLOSED. FURTHER INQUIRY BEING MADE HERE WHICH MAY GIVE US LOCATION WITHOUT DISTURBING ANYTHING AS TO THE CONTACT MONDAY. FOUR AGENTS HERE WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS AS TO TELEPHONE. AGENT BROWN WILL RETURN CHICAGO TONIGHT TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH INFORMANT THERE. AGENTS MADALA, SULLIVAN AND MYSELF WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS HERE IN THE MEAN TIME. BALANCE OF AGENTS AT DETROIT IN ORDER TO AVOID TRAVEL PENDING DEVELOPMENTS MONDAY WILL HANDLE INCIDENTAL WORK AT DETROIT UNTIL MONDAY AND IF NOTHING IS DEVELOPED IN MEAN TIME WILL ARRANGE FOR THEM TO RETURN THEIR RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS PENDING DEVELOPMENTS.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
I. O. 1218 - Fugitive; et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

The United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota,  
has requested the presence of the following Agents in St. Paul,  
Minnesota, for Grand Jury in the above entitled case on the  
morning of September 26, 1935.

J. H. Hanson, Assistant Special Agent in  
Charge, New York City.

S. K. McKee, Special Agent, Cincinnati.

R. B. Donaldson, Special Agent, Jacksonville.

It is requested that arrangements be made to have  
these Agents present in St. Paul as requested.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

AIR MAIL

cc-St. Paul  
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September 20, 1935.

Time-10:00 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Alvin Karpis

Colonel Gates telephoned and inquired if the Bureau had instituted proceedings against Joe Adams for harboring Karpis in Florida. I advised Colonel Gates to contact the Criminal Division.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*Edward G. Bremer*

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September 19, 1935.

Time-11:13 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Alvin Karpis

Mr. Charles Pettijohn telephoned from New York and gave me the following information:

Scaffa had called to see Mr. Pettijohn this morning and told him that he has information from a thoroughly reliable source that Karpis is somewhere out on Long Island. The place is near Mr. Pettijohn's home. Mr. Pettijohn offered to make available his home as a headquarters base if the Bureau desired.

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I telephoned Mr. Keith at New York and gave him the above information, instructing him to interview Scaffa and obtain whatever additional details he could. I reviewed for Mr. Keith certain developments in the Middle West which lead me to believe that this tip might not amount to much but cautioned Mr. Keith nevertheless not to treat the matter casually.

Time-2:33 P.M.

Mr. Keith telephoned me from New York and gave me the following information concerning the above matters:

Scaffa has for some ten years dealt with an informant named [redacted] who now lives in [redacted]. This informant has previously lived in New York, Brooklyn, Port Chester, and Norwalk.

Mr. Nathan has used him previously on truck hi-jackings of silk and other merchandise out of Connecticut into New York and stated that the informant has turned up some valuable information, and is quite reliable. Scaffa has not dealt with the informant now for about a year but the informant had asked about Scaffa's conviction and sentence and called Scaffa to inform him that he had some information which Scaffa might be able to use to help himself. The informant then told Scaffa that some days ago on his way from Bridgeport while stopping along the highway at various roadhouses he ran into a close friend who told him that Karpis and three other men were living in a bungalow in Coscob, Connecticut; that Karpis has his hair dyed, color unknown, and wears dark tortoise rim glasses; that once or twice a week Karpis goes with his three companions to a "Black and Tan" joint on a road east of Bridgeport, Connecticut. Scaffa had told the informant that he was interested in the information and the informant had agreed to attempt to get the street address in Coscob and get in touch with Scaffa before Saturday. Scaffa has agreed to put Mr. Keith in touch with the

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Memo for Mr. Nathan re  
Alvin Karpis.

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informant and Mr. Keith stated that if the informant could deliver  
"the goods" they might be able to do business.

Mr. Keith stated that he would leave immediately for  
Stanford where he would make some inquiries and also go on to  
Coscob and make a few discreet inquiries and get the lay of the land.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below copies of a letter written to Dolores Delaney, who is confined in the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, the letter being from her mother, Mrs. Helen Delaney.

Very truly yours,

*D. L. Nicholson*

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Enc. *W*  
cc-St. Paul  
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Cincinnati

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Sunday, Sept. 8.

My dear Dolores,

This is Sunday evening, 8:30. I am all alone as usual, except Bobby.

I have thought of you so much all day tried to imagine what it must be like to be in a prison, perhaps its better I don't know.

Dolores, did you receive those old snap shots I sent them to the matron and asked her to give them to you. I didn't think that I could send them to you direct, when I wasn't writing.

I do hope that they are of some concilation to you, my dear. Those were truly "Happy days". Can you remember that trip to Salt Lake City? And the altitude was to high for me. I was taken so sick. And we wired for your Dad. I don't remember how old you were then, but I think you were around 3 yrs. You know dear, I had some more snap shots when I was on this trip, but it wasn't my kodak and they were so small I had one enlarged, I will give you, tho it isn't very plain. It was taken on Lake Superior, in Duluth. I know you will laugh, Dolores, for can you imagine your mother in breeches and boots. Well thats what I had on in the picture. I couldn't say that I had a very good time on the trip. I guess the water didn't agree with me. Listen Dolores I took a ride around the island where we were in a speed boat. And talk about rough water. The captain said it was the worse day he ever had in the twelve years he ran the boat. May be I will be able to tell you all about it soon. Now this is the big secret. I expect to leave here for Chicago about the 14th so perhaps I may see your baby next Sunday. You don't know how really anxious I am to see him.

I want to bring him something nice, but I may wait until I see what he needs. There is the cutest little coat and cap in one of the stores. I've handled it a good many times, and I would say to myself I would like to see that on Dolores' baby. I know Dolores that you think its strange that Margaret don't go to see your baby. Well you might as well know the truth, the Federal dept. wont let her, why, I don't know except, she's been a prisoner. You know Dolores how crazy Mugs is about kids and especially yours. And then it was born on her birthday. Now I don't want you to feel bad about it. I'll see what I can do as soon as I get there and I am certainly going to see what I can do about your clothes, and the baby things. Mr. Ladd has charge of the Chicago Dept. He was transferred from here last spring. He was at my house a good many times, he was very nice to me. Speaking of the federal agents, you asked me if they bothered me when you were picked up.

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Yes, I will say, that I guess all the men here, was to see me, from the time that Mugs was caught, up untill some time after you were caught. But I will say this, that they treated me with every courtesy and respect. They were all gentlemen, that's more than I can say about the Police Dept. I will tell you all about it, some other time dear, so don't worry about any thing. I want you to try and get your mind off of every thing that happened.

It bothers me terrible about your hair falling out. I asked the matron in my note if I would be allowed to send you a hair brush and some danderine. And then you remember, how I used to message my scalp. You know how I mean Dolores loosen the scalp up, with your hands, go all over it.

Please do this, and if I can I will send you the danderine & brush.

Don't you have a physical examinations? Does your leg bother you much?

When I read your letter about eating sweet corn. You were so glad to get a change. I just cried my self sick. It hurts me so terrible. You know dear, I never cook any thing good that I don't think of you, and Frances.

There is nothing I can do about it Dolores, except to tell you that it won't always be like this. You know, God is good. And always say your prayers. I am going to say good night to my baby. Will write more when I know for certain about leaving for Chicago.

Sunday, Sept 15. My dear, a whole week since I started this letter. I have been waiting so I could tell you just when I am leaving here for Chicago, My teeth are holding me back and I won't be able to leave before next Wed. or Thursday now. It maked me sick but then I want then I want them before I go down. I am having a partial plate made and its a problem on account of that bone tumor, I had removed. Isn't it strange Dolores the pieces of furniture that you wanted are the pieces I kept also. I also kept that round table & the little coffee table. I just couldn't part with them. And you will be able to see them again and use them to.

I do hope you are feeling better, and unless something happens I will be able to write you a more interesting letter next time, because I will see the baby by that time. Babe says he is the sweetest thing she ever saw. Dolores I haven't been able to get the sacred heart badge that

you asked me for but I will send it soon. Have a letter for me at the  
address in Chicago when I get there.

Good by my dear, Hope to see you soon.

Lovingly

Mother

4554 Maldir St. Apt. 104 Chicago, Ill.

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

RBD:SLH

September 19, 1935

Mr. T. A. Lanford,  
Cashier, Jacksonville Branch,  
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta,  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your favor of the  
17th instant advising of the receipt of two \$1,000 Federal  
Reserve Notes on the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, serial  
numbers F 00022486-A and F 00022487-A, from the Little River  
Bank and Trust Company and the First National Bank of Miami,  
Florida, respectively.

We would like to have both of these bills held  
by your bank until further notice as they may have some  
evidentiary value in one of our cases.

Your assistance in sequestering these two  
pieces of currency will be greatly appreciated.

As soon as we find that it will not be necessary  
to retain these bills from circulation, I shall notify you.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

Jax #7-24  
cc Bureau  
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ALVIN KARPIS, with Aliases-FUGITIVE  
I. O. 1218 - ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM

A letter was received here from the Bureau on September 9th, asking to be advised of the number of photographs of subjects and suspects in the above entitled case which will be needed to conduct further investigation. To date, the Bureau communication has not been acknowledged.

This communication was received during my absence from the city and was initialed for the file by agent Ramsey. I will submit a reply to this letter immediately and also call the attention of agent Ramsey to this error.

Inspection @ San Francisco Office  
Inspectors Egan and Whitley  
September 16th, 1935.

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September 18, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Pursuant to your request, there is attached hereto a copy of a statement entitled My Career in Crime by Volney Davis. This article was transcribed from the report of Special Agent A. E. Farland, dated at Kansas City, September 5, 1935.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

*Edward G. Bremer  
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MY CAREER IN CRIME

August 9, 1935

I was in the 6A in grade school in the city of Tulsa, Oklahoma, I had attended school regular up until this time and had never played hooky are had any sort of trouble in any way. I was 14 years old at the time and it was the year of 1916 about the middle of the fall term an last half of the years school.

I was wrestling with another boy of about my age who was slightly heavier than I was. He suddenly broke loose from me and then made a lunge back at me and I stooped and caught him below the knees then raised up with him as quick as I could and he fell over my head and in falling his arm was twisted under him in such a way his arm was broken in three places. I helped pick him up and carried him to the principles office and the principle told me to go home and to send my father over to talk to him. So my father went over and the principle told my Father that he thought the best thing to do was to take me out of school for a period of 30 days. So it was arranged. My people being very poor I begin to watch the papers for an ad to see if I couldn't find a job. My father didn't want me to sell news papers as he thought it would put me in the wrong kind of company. About which he was right. It turned out for me that way at least. Altho I will say here that the average news boys are an honest class taken as a whole. I found an add in the paper one evening that stated. Wanted twenty boys at a certain address the following Saturday morning. So I was one of the first there. It turned out to be an oil field advertising weekly called the Saturday Spectator. And it was its first issue. So I took a chance on explaining it to my father and I took an arm load of the pamphlets and went out to sell them which I did to the extent I earned \$1.50 that Saturday. So I taken the money home and begged my Father so hard that he finally said seeing that it wasn't sold on the streets and that it was sold mostly in office buildings he said I could continue selling them. While I was out of school for the thirty days any way. So after the next Saturday I begged him to let me sell the news papers too as I could earn something every day that way and I promised him I would go back to school in a short while any way and forget it all together. But I never reckoned with the results I would find after being out of school for thirty days in the middle of a term. Why that principle ever told my father to take me out of school over that accident to this day I can't understand. The boy that was hurt (Carl Dick) by name wasn't even mad about it. And for that ungodly reason I was

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requested to stay out for I can't understand. But this is a fact and can all be proved if the persons concerned are alive at present which I should think they are. As I was saying I pleaded with my dad until he said being as tho I had already started to selling the Spectator that he would let me sell the news papers also. This I did until the finish of the thirty days was up and I seldom earned less than \$1.00 and Saturdays and Sundays I would earn more. My mother at the time was taking in washings and my Father who is practically an invalid from a bad rupture, did what ever odd jobs he could find that he was able to do. So our income was not very large and when the time came for me to go back to school I was far behind in my class and could not catch up very easily. So I begged my father to try to get permission from the school authorities to let me remain out of school and help them in making a living. This was after I had been back in school for some time and they had missed the money I had made for I always gave my money to my mother. It had taken quite a burden off of her when I was working. So it was arranged for me to quit school to help support my Father, mother & four sisters three younger than myself. The one oldest at this time was eighteen and she had been working for two years and more helping support the family and at eighteen she was married so that took her salary out of the family fund. So all in all they needed the money I earned very much. So that is how I quit school so early. I sold papers, worked in a machine shop the Morris Sucker rod company of Tulsa, then the Bauer Auto top shop and several other jobs and like most other street urchins I came to the notice of the Juvenile officers for taking some eggs from a farmers wagon. I was lectured and released. During this period of my life I even picked up junk and sold it for six months or so. Then I was employed for a while in the press room of the Tulsa World one of the cities largest morning news papers. Where I worked at night. An from midnight until early morning. Across the alley from this news paper office was located the Turks Bros. Shoe store which three other boys and my self entered one night and stole several pair of shoes. We also entered a hardware store and another shoe store I believe it was the Walkover shoe store and the Nickols Hardware store where we taken some flash lights pocket knives and other articles. A few months or weeks later I was out hunting and an officer came to my house to arrest me for these burglaries and my Father brought him out to where I was hunting and I accompanied him to the police station and I made a full confession of what I had done and was released and told if I was ever arrested again in Tulsa I would be sent to the reform school. So I got with two other boys, Harry Campbell, one that is connected in this case and another boy named Bill Green who killed himself after he escaped from Leavenworth Federal penitentiary rather than be captured. With these two who were much older than my self we came to Kansas City where we were

arrested and the Tulsa police were notified of our arrest. They sent a hold order on me and Campbell & Green were given 24 hours to get out of town and released. I was returned to Tulsa and charged with burglary. While awaiting trial two other boys and my self dug a hole through the wall into the elevator shaft and escaped. A few days later I was caught in the act of trying to steal a casing and tire off of an automobile. I was taken before the judge where I entered a plea of guilty to the tire theft and also the burglaries and was sentenced to a term of three years in the penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma. I was 17 years of age at the time. I was taken to the penitentiary on Sept. 28 - 1919 where I served until July 15 - 1920 and was then transferred to the reformatory at Granit, Oklahoma to finish my term. While there I was a trusty at the gate and also drove the mail truck to town after the prison mail. I served my time with all the possible credits for good behavior and was released the 28th of June 1921. I went immediately to my Father & Mother at Okmulgee, Oklahoma where they were living at the time. So after being there for one month and failing to find work I went to Tulsa to live with one of my sisters and to try to find work. I found a job of work at the construction site of the St. Johns Hospital in Tulsa. I worked there for about three weeks. Then I was accused of having some misconduct with a girl at Central park. The National Guard Armory was just across the street from Central park and I was accused by one of these fellows. At least he told my sister the one I was staying with, that I had misbehaved my self with a young girl. I am mentioning this to show why I quit my job and left my sisters house. As there wasn't a semblance of truth in it. It was all over jealousy on the part of the National Guard boys. As they knew me and that I had just got out of the reformatory. If there had of been anything to it I would have been arrested for it. Am charged with it after I was arrested a few days later. But this accusation was the cause of my sister which had a young daughter at the time, caused her to tell me that she couldn't have me staying with her if I did things like that. And of course it hurt me for her to believe that I had been guilty of such a horrible offence. So I packed my clothes and went to town. Then it was that I having no one over me are to check on me about how late I was staying out. I begin to stay at first one rooming house and then another with three other boys. One of which was Doc Barker, the other two of which one is dead and the other I don't know what became of him. But the one that is dead will come into this article later on his name was Howard Margraves. We were arrested the first part of September (1921) in our room and charged with state vagrancy. That carried a penalty of 30 days in jail and \$100.00 fine. So I tried to argue that I had just quit a job and that I was looking for another one but owing to my record I was found guilty before a police judge and sentenced. But doc he got a lawyer and got out on a bond.



Also one of the others. But Margraves & my self were held as he had been into trouble before too. Now this crime that I was later convicted on had already happened. It happened the 26th of August 1921, and this was in September that I was in jail. I stayed in the jail for about thirty days and a bunch of dope fiends and Margraves & myself made an escape from the jail. The escape was made possible by the neglect of the jailor in leaving the door open. We went out of the cage and upon top of the cage and made a hole in the roof of the building and I think about 20 left. Margraves, James Sexton and myself left together. This happened in October 1921 about the first. We went to Muskogee, Oklahoma. Margraves left Sexton and I there and went home to Pittsburg, Kansas. Sexton and I stayed together for a month or more making a living by hiping and on the short con game. He was good at both. We went to Sapulpa and it was here that I met Edna Price known now as Edna Murray. She was a waitress in a restaurant at the time. Up until this time there had never been a girl in my life. She was 4 years older than my self. She being 23 at the time. And we seemed to get along very well and I liked her. But she had been married and I had the old fashioned idea that I shouldn't marry some one that had been married it was taught to me at home. For that and that alone kept me from marrying her. I have often wondered if I had of only married her then that both of our lives would have been different for I did love her and things that came to pass will show it later on. I stayed there in Sapulpa all of that winter some times she would feed me and pay my room rent and some times I would be the one. But it was a partneur ship affair. In January in 1922 about the 8th or 9th James Sexton was killed with some other fellows in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. And in the mean time I had saw in the paper where Doc Barker was arrested in Tulsa for murder and my name was mentioned as being wanted for a material witness. I never give it much thought as he had never come back to see me after he got out of jail in Tulsa so I continued to live in Sapulpa fifteen miles from Tulsa. So on March the fourth 1922 I was arrested in Sapulpa and taken to Tulsa and charged with murder in the first degree. I was charged with the murder of a night watchman that had been killed on August 26 in 1921 at the place where I had been working in Tulsa the St. Johns hospital. Before I was arrested Doc Barker had been convicted of this charge and sentenced to life. Myself not being guilty of the charge, just figured it was because of my record and my association with Doc if he was guilty. I never for one moment thought I would be convicted for a crime I never did. I just didn't think it could be that any thing like that could happen. But I have learned better since for I know of several cases when men have been convicted for crimes they didn't commit.

Edna had one of the best criminal lawyers in the state to come and talk to me Ben Tompson of Sapulpa and we went over the case together and he told me they didn't have much of a case and that he would defend me. But later on the Kly Klux Klan entered the case. They were at their height at that time in Oklahoma and they are I always figured it was them caused Tompson to withdraw from the case. He refunded the money that had been paid him which wasn't very much and I was left with out an attorney. But in the meantime while I was held in the jail Mrs. Barker, Doc's mother came to see me and told me that they had appealed Doc's case to the criminal courts of appeal and that if I didn't tell them the same story that Doc did it would ruin his appeal and that if I did it would help him. Well I knew if I lied and told them I was with him that they had convicted him on his testimony so they would me and at that time I thought I should help the old women if I could and not hurt my self. And then too I had got another lawyer and he had told me not to worry that they couldn't convict me on the evidence they had against me. So they kept putting my case off from time to time. I think I was in jail during three terms of district court. And each time I was told not to worry that they were liable to throw my case out any time. So it went on until January in 1923 I had been in Jail almost a year and I had begin to think I was the most unfortunate person in the world. I couldn't get a trial and I was held without bond, couldn't have made a bond if they had of set one. So on the 16th day of January there was a bunch of boys in the jail that wanted out very badly. So we planned a jail break and on that morning we grabbed the jailor took his gun and eleven of us escaped. Margraves had been arrested in Pittsburg, Kansas and was in the jail at the time. So him and I went to Sapulpa and were headed out into the county to a place where I had lived before I was arrested and while on the way out there a wagon passed us and we got on the back end of it riding with our feet hanging out the back end. Then two Deputy Sheriff's from Tulsa drove up behind us in a car and they recognized us and they begin to shoot as they passed and Margraves was killed and several bullet holes were in my clothing. But I wasn't hit. So there were big head lines in the papers and I was branded as the leader. And when I got back to jail my trial was set for the 23 of January. So on that date I went to trial for a crime I didn't do any my life was at stake. The trial lasted two or three days and when the state had finished this case. My attorney who was appointed by the state told me to not take the stand an offer no defense what ever. He said that they hadn't made a case against me and that the only thing the jury could do was acquit me. So not knowing much about court cases I took his advise. The case went to the jury and they convicted me and sentenced me to life. But the

foreman of the jury told my mother afterward that this was the reason they convicted me. He said that they didn't think I was guilty of murder but that I ought to have some time for breaking out of jail. So he said they the jurors all agreed to convict me on the murder and that they all agreed to recommend me for clemency after I had served 5 years. Which they did. I will explain this part later on. I went to McAlester Penitentiary on Feb 3rd 1923 to serve life. After serving almost two years my appeal in the criminal courts was affirmed as was Doc Barkers. And on January the 8th 1925 I escaped from the penitentiary with 4 other prisoners. And thirteen days later I was caught in Kansas City at the apartment of Mrs. Edna Murray. She had married Jack Murray while I was in the penitentiary. So I was returned to the prison. After I was back there three or four years my people begin to try to get me out and went to visit all of the jurors that were living or could be found. Then is when my mother found out about the agreement the jurors had had in the jury room the day I was convicted. They all recommended me for Clemency. And told her about the agreement. They recommended my time to be cut to five years. I could have gotten out then if I had of had some money to have got a lawyer. Then about this time a burglar was killed and his brother captured in Pittsburg, Kansas. The brother told the sheriff there that his Brother had killed a man in Oklahoma and that two innocent men, Volney Davis & Doc Barker, were doing time for it. The fellow had confessed it to his Bro. His mother and to a Priest in Kansas City. So my mother got busy and got a sworn affidavit from all of them to that effect. With this kind of evidence she still could not get me out. One reason was because I had escaped. And the rest were because I didn't have any money to pay to some attorney to get it put through. Time went on until Sept. 10th 1932 when Doc's brother Fred, Jess Doyle, Alvin Karpis and Fred & Docs mother put up money and got Doc out. He was out about 30 days when He sent Jack Glyn of Leavenworth, Kansas, down to see me and he told me that Doc & Jess was going to put money up for me a parole and that they wanted me to meet them in Leavenworth at the National Hotel. When I got out. So on November 1st I got a leave of absence for a period of eight months. I wasn't required to even report until my 8 months was up. I was supposed to get a parole. So Preston Lister the attorney that Jack Glyn used down there at McAlester wouldn't take but \$150.00 dollars of the \$250.00 that he had put in escrow in the bank in McAlester. I left the other \$100.00 there and he said he would get me a parole for it. So later on before the eight months were up I saw Jack Glyn and gave him some more money and he got me another 12 months leave. Jack Glyn in all got about \$2,000.00 from Doc, Fred and Jess for getting me out. So I felt my self obligated to them. I met Jack Glyn at the National Hotel and he said he had a wire from Doc and that he

would meet me there. I got a room and that evening Doc came in by plane. He had plenty of money and gave me some. Then he told me what Fred and him wanted me to do. He said Fred had their mother with him in Saint Paul and had been with her for a long time and that they wanted me to go to Saint Paul and get mother and to take her to Chicago and that would be all I would have to do for six months was to take care of her. It was one of the longest and hardest six months I have ever spent. She had plenty of money and I was furnished with plenty but I didn't enjoy it. And I was quick to see why they were so anxious to be away from her. But I will pass over this. Mother meaning Mrs. Barker and I left St. Paul for Chicago the next day. But before I left St. Paul I met Vern Miller, Earl Chrisman, Earl Doyle, Jess Doyle, Lawrence Duval, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis. Each of these knowing I had just been released from prison gave me some money. And Lawrence Duval ask about another boy that was in McAlester doing 25 years and I told him he could get out for \$200.00. So he gave me \$300.00 and told me to send it to him which I did from Chicago. I went with mother to Chicago and Bill Weaver a party known to me as Jew Otto from the east he also had a girl with him called Helen. We went to Joe Bergels auto agency in Cicero and he directed us to Doc Stacys home in Maywood then we went there and saw Doc Stacy. He made arrangements for us that night. Bill and myself sleep at Rosal Stacy that night a brother of Docs. The next day mother, Helen and I rented an apartment in Chicago at Kedzie and Jackson Blvd. just around the corner on Kedzie. Otto went back to St. Paul with Bill and we stayed there a few days and Doc Barker & the Jew Otto came down from St. Paul. And said they had just made some good connections in Reno, Nevada, and that he would go out there with me. He said Fred & Karpis was already out there. So we taken all of the luggage and mother caught a train for Reno. Doc Otto & I was to drive through in two cars one belonged to Karpis and the other was Docs. We started some time before Xmas and was out there before Xmas. Mother was there when we got there. We all three came through in one car as the Jew Otto turned Docs car over close to Palmyra, Mo. So we left it to be repaired and finished the trip in Karpis car. The next day after arriving mother and I rented an apartment. Then shortly Doc, Jew Otto, Karpis & Fred left for St. Paul. On the way back Doc stopped in Kansas City and there he connected with his father & Harry Hull the boy I sent the money to from Chicago. He had got out in the mean time. So they went on to St. Paul together. It was the first time Fred had saw his father in several years. But Mr. Barker only stayed a short while in St. Paul. But before any of the rest came back to Reno the 3rd North Western National bank was robbed in Minneapolis and there was two policemen and a citizen killed. Harry Hull, Bill Weaver, Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Jess Doyle, Earl Chrisman drove to Reno in one car. Karpis went to Chicago, I think before he came out to

Reno. I heard later that Vern Miller and Lawrence Duval were with them in the robbery. I know they all had lots of money when they came out with the exception of Harry Hull. But they all gave him money and bought him clothes. But later on he taken a suitcase of Jess Doyles that contained about \$300.00 in one dollar bills and left. Doc & Jess Doyle followed him to Kansas City to kill him but he got wise to them and got away from them after they had located him. And while on this trip I had Doc to look up Edna Murray who had escaped from Jefferson City prison and was living in K.C. with her sister Doris. They found them alright and Jess fell in love with Doris, and Edna sent word to me to come and see her. So when Jess & Doc returned to Reno they brought me this news. They also told me that they meet Eddie Green & Earl Doyle and that they was going to rob a payroll in North K.C. and that they wanted to cut me in on it. But Doc said no that he wouldn't tell me. But later on he told me after they had robbed the payroll. Buck Coleman & Dago Howard helped them & Earl Doyle & Buck got shot. So it was then that Doc told me that they had wanted me to go on it with them. I was glad that I didn't of course.

Mother went to visit her sister Goldie in Calif. and had arranged for her to meet her in Chicago so they could attend the worlds fair together. Mother took a train to Chicago and Doc and I came by plane to K.C. Doc went to Palmyra Mo. to get his car and I went on to Chicago where I meet mother and we rented an apartment at 112 Home Ave. in Oak Park. They I came back to K.C. and meet Doc, Earl Chrisman, Vern Miller, Frank Nash, Jess Doyle, Karpis, Fred Barker and Eddie Green. They had planed to rob the Fairbury Neb. bank for a long time and at last they got set on it. So before they started, Jess and myself who were living with Edna & Doris sent them on to Chicago to rent an appartment for us to come to. Now here is another robbery I could have been in on but they had too many the way it was and Fred said it would be a tough caper and as I had never been in a day lite robbery or a bank robbery. That I had better not go. He said he would see that I got something out of it. So I stayed in the apartment just as Harry Hull had done in St. Paul when they had robbed the 3rd Northwestern bank. They figured on getting back at night, so they wanted some one there during the day and to have something to eat. Bank robbers have to eat too. And they had to go with out any thing all that night and the next day. I stayed there and they all left one day about 7 P.M. They meaning Fred & Doc Barker, Vern Miller, Frank Nash, Eddie Green, Jess Doyle & Earl Chrisman & Karpis. The next time I saw any of them was the next evening at about 8 or 9 o'clock P.M. When Fred Barker, Vern Miller & Earl Chrisman drove up in front of the apartment. I went out and Earl was in the back seat of Jess Doyles Chevrolet sedan. Earl had been shot so I stayed there in the car with him while



Vern Miller went to get a Doctor and to arrange a place to take him too. While we sit there the others came in walking and went on in to the apartment. Vern came back and we went to a house in the southern part of K.C. Dr. D. M. Nigro treated Earl for a week or more that I stayed there and nursed Earl. When he began to get better I was released by Doc & Fred. I understand Earl got worse after I left. They also moved him to Verns house at 6612 Edgevale Road in Kansas City. He died here and they disposed of the body. I never did know where. Doc & Fred Barker, Karpis & Vern Miller did it. I was given several hundred dollars and was to get a car. I didn't own any at that time. So when I left for Chicago Vern Miller wired to Joe Bergel in Chicago where he had a credit and told Bergel to give me a new car. Bergel also gave me enough money to make up \$1,000.00 one thousand dollars. It was already for me when I got there. I sent Doc Stacys wife over after it so Bergel wouldn't see me. She bought it in my right name E. V. Davis. I lived with Jess Doyle & Doris and visited mother Barker every day. Then Fred & Doc came on to Chicago and Fred didn't like the place we had rented for his mother as her sister was going to visit her and he wanted her to have a better place so we moved her to the Orolando Apartment hotel on the south side. She rented one half of a whole floor two complete apartments adjoining. While she lived there I lived at the Elenor Manor on the south side of Chicago. But Fred had brought Paula Harmon with him from K.C. and he couldn't take her around his mother so him and I went to round Lake Ill. and rented a cottage for the season this must of been in June in 1933. Paula, Edna, Freddie, Doc and myself went out there at first but they had some kind of a deal on with some big shots and they didn't stay out there much. Here is where I met Miss Helen Byrns who I fell in love with. She was there on a vacation from a nurses training school. I could have married her by deceiving her. But I liked her to well for that. While we were living here Mr. Hamm was kidnaped. But I did not know it until one evening when Montie Carter & Big Charley or (Chuck) and Karpis, Fred & Dock Barker came out there to cut the money up. They gave me \$750.00 and said it was some extra they had left. I never did know how that money was split but I heard Fred say that Tom Brown & Jack Pieffer of St. Paul got the big end of it. We lived on here until the end and close to the end of the season. About this time mother had read one of Goldies letters from her husband and he said he thought it was dangerous for her to be there with Fred & Doc and that he thought she should come home. Goldie never knew that mother read her letter. So when she said she thought she ought to go home no one protested. And as soon as she left Doc and I moved mother to an apartment Hotel at 72nd are 73rd and Stony Island in Chicago. Edna and I moved in from the lake to

64th and the I. C. R.R. in a big yellow apartment there we had an apartment on the back side near the tracks. But it was close to mother's place. It was while we lived here that Bill Weaver come to Chicago and told them he had a mark in South St. Paul. He said the Chief of Police are the former Chief had give it to him. Bill had lived in South St. Paul under his protection. They had a meeting place in Calumet City at Willie Harris saloon. Here is where I meet Harry Campbell, Irish Omalley, Babs Moran and Willie Harris & Gus Stone for the first time. I had knew Campbell a long time before. I was taking the fair in during this time and also courting Miss Byrns ever chance I got. I would get her at 7 P.M. and have her back at 9 P.M. those were the rules at the murses home. I visited mother every day and got her the things she wanted. One one morning I meet Fred there and he said looks like I am going to have to get a nurse and a doctor for the gang and keep them all the time. He said Big Fitts are Charley had got hit on the last caper and he wanted me to go to Calumet City and stay with him. When I went out there Omalley & Gus Stone was there with him in Willie Harris house. I stayed there several days and some large doctor come and dressed Chuck every day But I never did know his name. It seemed as though Gus Stone got him. I thought Gus Stone was Gus Winkler But in that I guess I was wrong. Big Charley was taken from there to some hospital I never knew where. But it was pretty close about 150 miles I think. Shortly after this while I was still living near the I.C. RR. there was a mail robbery in the loop down town at night and in getting away there was a wreck. But before I go into that I want to say here I don't know which of these robbed that pay roll 8. St. Paul Fred & Doc Barker, Karpis, Bill Weaver, Babs Moran, Harry Campbell, Big Charley was there for he got shot. Irish Omalley, Willie Harris, Gus Stone. But some of them did it. Well when this car was wrecked I saw a picture in the paper of some of the tags that were in it and I recognized the number as that of a tag I had stolen in Deluth, Minn. Tag No. BL41145 - 1934. I got it off of a car in a garage. In fact I did a lot of this kind of petty stealing for them. I was always on the lookout for tags. For they always had tags for all the states they would have to cross in going any where. Then later on Doc came to my house and he had his hand bandaged up. So since I have been in custody this time Elmer Farmer told me that that night the mail robbery was attempted that when they had the wreck and killed a policeman that Montie Carter or Bolton had shot Doc through the little finger on his left hand. And that when they came to his house in Bensenville that night that Harry Sawyer, Fred & Doc Barker, Big George Zigler, Montie Carter or Bolton and Karpis was in it. But I thought Gus Stone was with them too. Just a guess

I don't know. I also thought Harry Campbell was in on it. But Bolton knows. After this Edna and I moved to St. Paul and lived at the Oseolla apartment at Lexington just off of Grand Ave. I was living there under my right name E. V. Davis. But before this we had all visited Reno, Nevada. Fred & Doc Barker, Harry Campbell Karpis & myself with our women had been out there. So I will go on to the apartment in St. Paul. We Edna & I lived there one month and had paid another months rent when on the 18th or 19th of January 1934 Fred Barker & Blond George or Zigler came to my house and told me that I had better leave St. Paul. That the police would turn the town upside down looking for the kidnapers of Bremer. I didn't want to go but they said I had better. For it looked bad leaving a whole months rent and I had used my right name. But Fred had had some kind of a shooting scrape with an aviator and they had got his tag number. So he wanted to use my car as it was a coupe and that was what he wanted. So George Zigler took Edna and my luggage and went to Chicago where Edna was told to rent a flat for Paula Harmon, Freds girl and Winona Burdett, Harry Campbells girl. I was to go there too when I got strait with the landlord. I left the next day after trying to get some of my rent money back. I also paid the milk man and the paper boy. So when I went to Chicago on the bus I went to mother Barkers place on the south shore drive and I went to Willie Harris place in Calumet City. I don't remember which. But I believe it was Harris place as he was the one that had helped Edna locate the apartment at 6212 University on the south side in Chicago. That was where I found Edna, Paula & Winona and I stayed there with them for about 3 weeks or more I know I had a hell of a time with the three of them for they would get drunk every time I would go to George Zigers flat in Cicero to meet Fred Barker, Montie or Bolton and George. I also meet Willie Harris there on several trips. I brought Fred clean clothes and done everything I could for him. I also visited his mother and keep his guns and equipment for him. It was in George Zigers flat that Montie or Bolton & George would type the ransom notes. George always wore gloves while typing. During this time Paula Harmon & Edna had a fight and I got Fred and Willie to get her moved they moved into an apartment on 63rd and two blocks off of Stony Island going east on 63rd. They used the name of Bradberry I believe. So after Bremer was released Fred gave me three or 4 hundred dollars and I moved to Aurora, Ill. I also sold my car, that is Willie Harris sold it for me. I bought an old ford for \$195.00 in Chicago. I lived in Aurora a month or so when Fred give me some more money. I think it was three five hundred dollar bills. I traded my ford in for a second hand Buick. I was living under the name of J. E. Hansen. As I was afraid they would find that place



in St. Paul where I moved from and had used the name of Davis which is my name. My idea in moving to Aurora was this Edna knew a man there & his wife - Cory Bales was his name and his wife name was Violet. Edna had meet them when she was an escape from prison before. But they didn't know anything about her. He was a gambler and he had lived there a long time and knew lots of people. So I introduced myself as a gambler to him. I was going to get acquainted with as many people as I could and in that way make myself a town to be from. Now one knew me there so I was going to learn as many names and address as I could then where ever I went I could correspond with them and people would think that was my home town. But before I had got settled good I like all other fools who think they can beat the law had told Bill Weaver and Doc Barker where I lived. So Bill found him a house and him and Myrtle moved over. Then Doc and Harry Campbell came over to Bills and they begun to get rid of that money. They was using his place to make meets with Slim Gibson and Ollie Berg. But just before this one night I believe it was the next night after George Zigler was killed, mother Barker & Irene, Georges wife, came to my house at night and wanted me to go to Wilmington, Ill. and get some of Georges things and stuff that belonged to Fred and Doc Barker. I went with them and went to Irene's uncle Sy. Him and I dug a hole in his garage and then busted a concrete vault and took two packages out. We also got some other stuff out of the house. Mother & Irene took me to Aurora and they went on to Chicago. But the next morning Irene came back after me. She said Fred had gone crazy. She said he had been operated on and had went out of his head. When I got there Jimmie Wilson and some other fellow was there and they had him quite. He had had his finger prints all out off. They took him back to Ollie Bergs house after that. Then it was that Doc and Harry Campbell brought the money over to Bills house in Aurora. I have been told since that the bundles we got that night contained \$140,000.00 of the Bremer ransom. I never knew at that time what it was. Then about this time Montie Carter or Bolton and Elmer Farmer came over after Doc and told him that Joe O'Brien and Bobby two Chicago gangsters wanted to see him. I drove him to the sea food inn on north Ave. in Elm Hurst, Ill. and there we meet them. They said they had Dillinger & Homer Van Meter & Hamilton and that Hamilton was shot. They had had them several days and had to get rid of them. So Doc turned to me and said cant you keep them a day are two in your place. Well I said yes the same as any one else would have underlike circumstances. So we made a meet with them for that night at the same place. I went home and took Edna over to Bills house. You see they had that money at Bills was the reason they didn't take them there. So that night we meet Bobby & Joe at the same place and Dillinger & Van Meter & Hamilton was in a car out side we made the transfer and I drove them to Aurora. The next day Hamilton died. And Joe & Bobby got Dillinger a new yellow

wheeled 1934 ford and to drums and some shells for a machine gun and took them to Elmer Farmers place in Bensenville, Ill. I went over there and got them I give Farmer \$125.00 they had sent for the car and stuff. So the next day they took out. But Van Meter give me several hundred dollars while he was there. He had about \$17,000.00 then. The next I heard of them they robbed a bank in Ohio close to Toledo and as luck would have it Fred & Doc Barker, Ray Karpis, Campbell & Bill Weaver and myself and our women were all in Toledo at that time and they had stole a tag out of Toledo to use on the robbery. But they didn't know we would be there and we didn't know they would be there. That is the last I heard of them until they were killed. Campbell, Doc & myself had Dr. Moran to work on our fingers while we were in Toledo. Then we moved up on the lake near Sandusky. Bert & Ted Angus made all of our arrangements for us in Toledo such as renting houses and buying cars and furnishing us a place to drink and loaf around. I got into an argument with the Barker boys over some money and they give me \$3,100.00 and bought me a car. Bert Angus bought it for me. I had the old Buick I had bought in Aurora so I took it to Cleveland and traded it in on a truck. I took the truck and Edna took the new ford and we started for Montana and freedom from all such gangs. That is what we thought. I was going to try to live a decent life. I was going into business. Which I did I went to Glasgow, Mont. and went into partners with Cary Bales who was already there when I got there. Him and I gambled there for a while looking around and we made good money. But I wanted to go into business of our own and he and I leased a piece of land near the big government job of the Fort Peck dam. We built a building and was going to have a night club where you could dance and dine also gambling. But just as I had it about built I made a trip to trade my car in for another one as Edna had turned this one over on the trip up there and had ruined it. So when I came back I found out that the federal men had been up there looking for me. So I just left. It was an awful blow to me and Edna as we sure thought we were going to be able to get out of that awful strain of living in town and being afraid to open the door when some one knocks. But we had to leave. So I came back to Kansas City and lived there until I was caught in Feb. Then I got away that night in Yorkville, Ill. and decided to go it alone. I never went near any one that knew me after I left Matt Gleasons place in Aurora that night. The only other place I went was where I went when I was caught. I went by my folks home in Neosho, Mo. and they didn't want me to stay there which I wouldn't have any way. I was there about five minutes and drove right away. I am writing this with the word of a federal agent that it won't be published are given to the public in no way. And will be used for the good of the department and will be put into the proper hands

to benefit me. I am doing this hoping to atone for the wrong I have done. I know some of this aritole won't sound true to some people. But if they knew the Barkers as I do they could understand it. They considered themselves paying me for the wrong I done myself in not ruining Docs appeal in that case in Tulsa, Okla. I followed their advise and got life when I could have used my own and have been acquitted. But I couldn't see it that way then. But that is the way they looked at it. I have plead guilty to conspiracy in this case and have been sentenced to life. I also have the life sentence in McAlester, Okla. So I know I will have to do a long time to get out, but I have made up my mind to make a man out of myself and never be into any thing dishonest. I think during my life I am due to have one chance to live a decent life and make a respectable living. If this can be used to advantage I will feel that I have done something good. But it can fall into the wrong hands and possibly cause my death. But I don't believe honest people will double cross me when I am trying to help them and I believe if they can see that I intend to do right that they will help me. And all they will have to do is to watch my record in prison to see that I will prove that I am on the square with them. But I have got all of the thieves view points on life that I want and if I find honest people as crooked as thieves are in their dealings then I don't want to live any how for there is only two kinds of people in the world dishonest & honest. I intend to be honest. I have tried the dishonest life and have found nothing but sorry, grief, fear & decist. I would like to write a story some time on (crime can't pay) and another on the (Fear and Strain of a hunted man). I think it might do some young people a lot of good. The one thing that kept me with the Barkers was my feeling toward Edna. Her health wasn't very good and she sure hated to leave me. So I felt like I had been the cause of her getting started in a life of crime. So she kept telling me just as soon as I got hold of enough to start some kind of a business that we would leave them. But as things went on I got in so far I was afraid to try to quit. I will always regret I didn't arrange to have them all caught and put myself on the mercy of the court. That is what I should have done. I hope this is handled in the right way for if it is not I will be forced to protect myself from the hatred of the other prisoners. And I can't keep a good record if I am fighting with other prisoners. But surly this will be taken care of and not published. I would like to be kept in this prison if I am allowed to work. I hope I am seperated from Doc Barker. He has always had a bad influence over me and I would like to be seperated from him. I hope that the heads of the federal department have time to look this over and that it is

kept on record where it will be available in time to come when I try to get out. I also hope that if I ever get out it will be on a parole. I want it to be as strict as it can be made and I will live up to it.

So in closing I will say that the names and dates in here are as near as I can remember and that I have told the truth as near as I can remember. I will be glad to aid in any way I can on anything that comes up. I will not be associated with thieves while I am in here are if I am ever released. If I did not intend to go straight and live and honest and legitimate life I would never have done the things I have here. I would have just went ahead and got in with the hard class in here are where ever I am at and depended on their help to get away. But I don't want to be out as an escape. The life one has to live isn't worth any thing. You can't own any thing you can't know any one, you can't sleep well. You can't visit like a human with your own kinfolks. You can't marry a decent women. You can't have children are a bank account. In fact you have to live like a wild animal. And I would like to do these things. So to do them I will do my best to do what is right. I have been used by this gang of thieves and realize I have done wrong. I have talked to Mr. Farland and Mr. Norstrum and am convinced they will help me later on. Mr. Farland has been in the service of the Department of Justice for 29 years. So he must be honest and up right in his dealings. Otherwise he would have been dropped. So I am putting my life and future in his hands. I would like for my mother to have a complete copy of this also Judge Joyce. The Judge that sentenced me, and if it is giving to him to be with the understanding that it is not to be published.

I guess this about all. Oh! yes, another thing that happened to me was when Doc Stacy sent Vern Miller to my house after that massacre in Kansas City. I was living at 219 North 2nd Ave. in Maywood, Ill. when it happened. I had forgot it so put it here. So who ever reads this can see how I was used and that I got in so deep I was afraid to leave them without their consent. But I will do my best to make good and prove myself worthy of help. I will never be associated with that class of people again

Volney Davis 47101

A SUPPLEMENT.

I have already give this information to the department. So therefore didn't include it in the other article. First I told them where John Hamiltons body could be found. Second I told them who participated in a Chicago loop mail robbery, during which a policeman was killed. Third I told them where and how one Willie Harris was killed. Fourth I told them who robbed a mail truck in Coffeerville, Kansas, and who set the job up. Fifth I told them all I knew about where and what became of one Dr. Joseph Moran. Sixth I told them how to locate William Weaver and his wife. I also will furnish any other information that I can that will aid them. I hope that the promised protection will be given me and that some day in the future I can have a chance to live a free man under parole. I entered a plea of guilty in the Bremer case and saved the government the expense of a trial. But surly in time to come I will be given my freedom if I show the right attitude toward prison life and my effort to reform. I am not a criminal at heart. I have never killed any one. I have never even been in a position to shoot at any one. Although I have been shot at on several different occasions in trying to escape. So at my age and been through what I have and seeing my mistakes as I do, if I can't ever be free it would be much more meryfull to sentence me to death than to let me languish my life away in prison. We are all susceptible to mistakes. From the highest minister to the lowest felon. But I am ready to atone for mine and intend to live a life that will prove it. I may be making a mistake in making this statement. And only be killed for my effort to do good. In knowing these fellows as I do I know thats what will happen if I am confined with them and they ever find it out. For any one that can take his fellow man that he has dranked with, ate with, slept with, and lived with, out and shoot him. Would not hesitate to stick a knife into some one that told that he did these things. So that is the position I am putting myself in if you don keep your word with me and let me serve my time where they are not at. Of course if this is kept out of the papers and away from these people named I can go on as tho nothing has happened.

I would like for the warden of what ever institution I serve my time in to be informed of my attitude. I will not cause him any regret from any favors he might show me. Seventh. I told them where Mr. Hamm was held. Two of these things have already been proved true I will underscore them. In finishing this I want to say this: Without the help and information of the following people the Gang of Barker & Karpis would have been put out of existence long ago. The names & towns follow. Tom Brown, Crumly & Sawyer & Jack Pieffer of St. Paul, Minn. These Jim McKay, Bill Graham & Scar face Sullivan of Reno, Nevada. Willie



Heeney of Chicago, Bert & Ted Angus of Toledo, Ohio. Without their help there would have been no kidnapping by this gang. And without their help they are we would have all been caught in St. Paul. Are in Reno. I am sorry I wasn't so I could get evidence against these. But maybe this will help. Hoping I have not failed are just made another mistake in doing this I will stop.

Volney Davis, 47101

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FROM: DIVISION #1 & DIVISION #2

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*Statement of Volney Davis*

*George J. Lee*

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E. A. Tamm - Room 5107.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:SIH

September 20, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim -  
KIDNAPING, ETC.

With reference to the Bureau's letter of  
September 12, 1935, advising that two copies of a summary  
report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, dated at St. Paul,  
Minnesota, April 10, 1935, are being transmitted under  
separate cover, please be informed that same have not  
been received.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Jax #7-24

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Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

September 21, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below copies of a letter written by Dolores DeLaney who is confined in the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan to Mr. John Karpavicz, 2842 N. Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

*D. L. Nicholson*

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Friday, Sept. 20, 1935.

Dear Mr. Karpis:

I have just received a letter from an Automobile Co. in Miami, Florida in regard to a car which is in Havans, Cuba. Mr. Travis, Vice President of the concern, tells me he will be glad to buy it if I can produce papers to prove that I am the sole owner of the car - which is a Ford V-9 - 1934 model. I have no such papers now but if things proved to be satisfactory and I felt it was to my advantage to sell, I am sure duplicate papers could be had from the agency that the car was bought from. I am enclosing the letter I received from Mr. Travis and would you mind taking it to your lawyer and have him look into the matter for me. When he has looked into it thoroughly, please have him get in touch with me and advise me what steps to take. If you could do this at once I would appreciate it very much.

This is an extra letter so I can't write very much. I received your letter a short time ago and from now on will surely wait to receive your letter each month before I write.

Give my love to Mrs. Karpis, Emily and Betty Jane, and give Raymond a great big kiss for me.

Loads of love

Colores.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 19, 1935

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim -  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of September 3, 1935, it is requested that the Oklahoma City office be furnished with ten photographs of subject Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. #1218; ten photographs of subject Harry Campbell, with aliases, I. O. #1236; and five photographs of subjects Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I. O. #1232, and William J. Harrison, with aliases, I. O. #1239.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim -  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of recent date,  
I am transmitting herewith photographs of the following:

Ten photographs each of Alvin Karpis, Harry  
Campbell; five photographs of Dr. Joseph P. Moran and  
William J. Harrison.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #283155.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

September 19, 1935.

Time - 5:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
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Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Scheidt	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

*Edw. G. Bremer*

I telephoned Assistant Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson at the New York Office and informed him the Bureau has received notice that he is wanted as a necessary witness in the above case at St. Paul on the 26th of this month. I told him that he is needed for the presentation of this matter to the grand jury for the purpose of extending the time of the indictment to include those acts committed in Florida so that we will have Cassius McDonald indicted in Minnesota.

I informed Mr. Hanson in discussing this situation with the Director, the Director had instructed that Mr. Keith, who is presently in New York City, be designated to act in charge of the New York Office during the absence of Mr. Hanson.

I further informed Mr. Hanson these instructions would be confirmed by letter.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
September 21, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. 1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a  
letter addressed to Mr. John Karpavics, from  
Dolores DeLaney, an inmate of your institution.

The contents of this letter has  
been carefully scrutinized and appears to con-  
tain no information of value.

Thanking you for your interest and  
cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

DLN:RES  
Enc.  
cc-Bureau



D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:SLH

September 21, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases--FUGITIVE--  
I. O. #1218; ET AL -  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING, ETC.

We are in receipt of a letter from the Bureau dated September 20, 1935, addressed to the New York Bureau office, instructing that Special Agent R. B. Donaldson be present in St. Paul on September 26, 1935, as a witness in the above entitled case.

Please, because of the condition of the work in this district, verify and ascertain the exact date Agent Donaldson's presence is required, advising the Jacksonville office by telegraph.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge



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RB

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 20, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Re: ERNIE LaSALLE  
Murder

Dear Sir:

Prosecutor Frazier Reams, who has effectively and is now fully cooperating with the Bureau in the Brekid case, has requested the Bureau to assist him in securing information at Shannon, West Virginia, concerning the presence there of the above-named subject, a member of the so-called Licavoli gang of Toledo, who is badly wanted for murder by the said prosecuting attorney.

Mr. Reams has received rather definite information that LaSalle is connected with a gambling establishment at Shannon, Ohio County, West Virginia.

A photograph of LaSalle is attached hereto, on which appears his description.

LaSalle is also wanted by the Bureau for questioning in the Brekid case.

If he is located, please cause his apprehension, and be careful in doing so as he is reputed to be a killer.

It has been rumored that he is an associate of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, although this has not been definitely determined.

Please give this matter preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
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Ed. George Bremer

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
September 20, 1935

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. 1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a letter addressed to Dolores DeLaney, an inmate of your institution from her mother, Mrs. Helen DeLaney.

The contents of this letter has been carefully scrutinized and appears to contain no information of value.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge



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P. O. Box #766,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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September 20, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to telegram from the Detroit Office  
on this date, requesting information concerning 1935 Ohio license  
#43-EY.

The Cincinnati Office ascertained telephonically from  
the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, that the above license  
was issued to Albert W. Ball, 431 Tinewood, Toledo, Ohio, for a 1932  
Ford coupe, motor #181,948, and that there have been no transfers on  
this license. The bill of sale file covering this automobile is filed  
in Lucas County under file #339906.

This information was transmitted to your office by  
telegram to-day.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau  
Chicago  
Cleveland  
St. Paul

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DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
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DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to September 20, 1935

E. J. Connelley, Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
426 U. S. Custom House and Post Office Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

BREKID ASCERTAIN IMMEDIATELY MAKE OF CAR MOTOR SERIAL NUMBER AND NAME AND  
ADDRESS OWNER NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE OHIO LICENSE FOUR THREE NY

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11:05 a.m.  
cc - Bureau  
Chicago  
St. Paul

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*George O. Bremer*

P.O. Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida,  
September 20, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minn.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The St. Paul Office, as also the Chicago Office, is requested to refer to Bureau letter dated September 19, 1935, instructing the Jacksonville Office to prepare immediately a summary report for the prosecution of MYRTLE EATON on the charge of harboring William Weaver in the Jacksonville district.

In order to facilitate the preparation of said report the St. Paul and Chicago Offices are requested to consult their respective files on this matter with a view of supplying the Jacksonville Office with a copy of any report or other data not heretofore supplied, as will be evidenced by the indicated copies on the various reports in these two offices.

Particular attention should be given to any data developed in the past, especially at St. Paul, which tends to show the association of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver prior to their apprehension and subsequent to the indictment of Weaver; also reports setting forth any interviews with both Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver since their transfer to St. Paul, copies of which have not been supplied the Jacksonville Office.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

RBD:G

Cc: Bureau  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
Cincinnati.

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Post Office Box 518  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
September 19, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Transmitted herewith is original and duplicate subpoena issued in the United States District Court here September 19, 1935, addressed to the Marshal for the United States District Court of Florida, or any of his deputies, and to all Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, or any of them, calling for the presence of Joseph H. Adams, in care of the El Commodore Hotel, Miami, Florida, to appear in the United States District Court in St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 26, 1935.

Assistant United States Attorney George A. Heisey has requested the aid of the Bureau in serving this subpoena, and it is suggested that arrangements be made with the Deputy Marshal at Miami, Florida, so that Adams may be subpoenaed without publicity. The United States Attorney would like to be advised immediately when the subpoena has been served.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

HEA:ACF  
Encls.

cc Bureau  
Cincinnati  
E.J. Connelley, Chicago

AIR MAIL

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JEH:RLM

September 21, 1935.

Time-10:52 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Alvin Karpis

W  
During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Charles Pettijohn in New York City, he inquired if there had been any developments from the information which he furnished regarding an informant who contacted Noel Scaffa with information as to the whereabouts of Alvin Karpis. I advised Mr. Pettijohn that I had instructed Mr. Keith to handle the matter, and to advise me of the developments.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Backus .....  
Mr. Baughman ..  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Keith .....  
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Mr. Quinn .....  
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Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:SLH

September 12, 1935

## PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases—FUGITIVE—  
I. O. #1218; et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim -  
KIDNAPING

Please be advised that when William Weaver, with aliases, and Myrtle Eaton, with aliases, were apprehended near Port Orange, Florida, on September 1, 1935, the sum of \$555.00 was found in the pocketbook of Weaver and counted in his presence and verified by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley and myself. There was also found in the pocketbook of Myrtle Eaton the sum of \$347.32, which was counted in her presence by Mr. Connelley, Special Agent M. J. Cassidy and myself.

There were also located \$100.00, composed of five-dollar bills, below and behind a dresser drawer in one of the bedrooms in the house in which Weaver and Myrtle Eaton had been residing. This sum was also counted and verified in the presence of Weaver and Myrtle Eaton by Mr. Connelley and Special Agent R. D. Brown.

It may be also stated that the numbers on the bills were listed and compared with those on all ransom lists in our files and it was found that none of this currency appeared on these lists.

During a thorough search of the premises by five Special Agents, in charge of Special Agent M. W. Meekins of the Nashville office, there were located in the dining room buffet five dollars in dimes and a small dime bank marked "Bobbie Osborne", Weaver's adopted son, containing some cash, amount unknown.

All of the above monies were turned over to me and are presently being retained in our office safe.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
SEP 23 1935 A.M.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Nathan .....  
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Mr. Keith .....  
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Mr. Scheldt .....  
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Mr. Tamm .....  
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Miss Gandy .....

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To Mr. Hoover, Director

For your ready reference, I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 9, 1935, from Mr. Connelley to the Jacksonville office relative to the disposition of the money in question.

Before any action is taken by me pursuant to forwarding the money to the St. Paul office for disposition, your advice will be appreciated.

The ammunition recovered, mentioned in Mr. Connelley's attached letter, will be kept intact here until it has been determined whether the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, desires it for evidence in this case.

Very truly yours,

  
R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure

cc E. J. Connelley at .  
Chicago (Personal and Confidential)

Jax #7-24

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

September 9, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim; KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

With reference to your letter of September 4, 1935 to the Director covering the transmittal of various guns recovered from William Weaver, and particularly the 4th paragraph thereof, wherein you refer to certain ammunition recovered from the place of William Weaver, this ammunition should be kept intact until such time as it has been determined whether or not the United States Attorney at St. Paul might want this ammunition for introduction at the time of the trial of William Weaver at St. Paul.

With reference to the last paragraph of this letter as to the \$1002.32 recovered from William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton, as indicated in reports and my teletype to the Bureau it is believed that in the absence of any identification of this money as being ransom money, it remains the personal property of these two individuals and should be handled as such personal property taken from the person of a prisoner at the time of arrest, and forwarded to the St. Paul office for delivery to the United States Marshal there as the personal property of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton.

You should obtain the approval of the Bureau for the forwarding of the money indicated and thereafter arrange accordingly to forward this money to the St. Paul office, which office will be governed in its actions by the wishes of the United States Attorney and the Bureau as to delivering this money to the United States Marshal as the property of the prisoners in question.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT  
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CC Bureau; CC Cincinnati; CC St. Paul

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

September 12, 1935

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases--FUGITIVE--  
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Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure

cc E. J. Connelley at  
Chicago (Personal and Confidential)

Jax #7-24



KRM:CSH  
RECORDED 7-576 - 7459 September 19, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1213, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

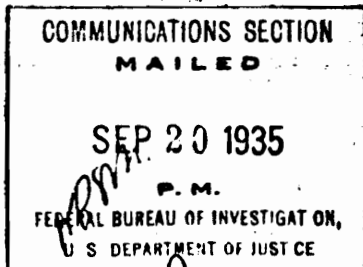
Reference is made to your letter of September 12, 1935, requesting that the Bureau advise you as to what disposition should be made of the moneys found in the possession of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton and also found in their home in the vicinity of Allendale, Florida on September 1, 1935, at the time of their apprehension.

The Bureau desires that these moneys be forwarded to the St. Paul Office, with instructions that they should then be delivered to the United States Marshal, to be treated as the personal property of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. The advice of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota should then be followed as to further disposition to be made of these moneys.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley, at Chicago



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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

September 12, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN PAUL CHASE with aliases,  
JOHN HAMILTON with alias, I.O. 1220  
et al - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; MURDER  
OF SPECIAL AGENTS S. P. CONLEY  
AND H. E. HOLLIS.

With reference to your telegraphic request of this date, we are enclosing herewith to you one of the Chicago copies of report of Special Agent V. W. Peterson, dated March 26, 1935.

With reference to telephone conversation with Special Agent Ramsey on September 10th, examination of the Chicago file indicates that the San Francisco office was furnished with copies of all reports submitted by the Chicago office during the period HELEN GILLIS was held in custody, and particular reference should be had to report of Special Agent V. W. Peterson dated March 26, 1935 which contains the statements of Helen Gillis to United States Attorney Green at Chicago, and report of Special Agent Peterson March 9, 1935 which gives a chronological history of all of the known activities of Gillis, his wife, and Chase, and report of Agent Peterson dated February 1, 1935, which refers to the activities of Jack Perkins et al; report of Agent Peterson dated February 20, 1935, which contains the detailed statements of Helen Gillis and John Paul Chase, which when considered together with copy of my letter of December 5, 1934 addressed to the Director, gives the detailed statements as obtained from Helen Gillis.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL AGENT

EJC:JMS

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

St. Louis

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Louis, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9-20-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9-14, 18-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>V. J. WOLFE</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			
<b>SYNOPSIS:</b>		Stewart McGulley, bell-boy, Empire Hotel, Springfield, Ill., states believes remembers seeing William Meade at hotel in the past. McGulley reliable and will contact St. Louis Office if Meade makes appearance. P. O. Inspector, Springfield, Ill., submits information from P. O. circular.	
<b>REFERENCE:</b>		Report of Special Agent D. E. Hostetter, St. Louis, Mo., 9-5-35; Bureau letter dated 9-5-35.	
<b>DETAILS:</b>		<p><b>AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.</b></p> <p>Stewart McGulley, bell-boy, Empire Hotel, was again contacted and he expressed the opinion that he remembers seeing William Elmer Meade at that hotel in the past, adding that it has been some time ago. McGulley appeared to be very familiar with the peculiar action of Meade's mouth and his left eye. He advised that in the event Meade ever made his appearance in the hotel or in the immediate vicinity he would contact the St. Louis Office without fail.</p> <p>Regarding McGulley, the writer has been personally acquainted with him for a period of some eight or nine months and knows him to be a reliable chap. The Empire Hotel maintains a cafe and bar-room that would be</p>	
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>J. E. Vetter</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-7460	RECORDED AND INDEXED: SEP 28 1935
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likely places for guests and others to gather and McCulley is in and out of these places constantly, and for this reason it is believed that McCulley would be the logical informant in and near the Empire Hotel.

Mr. John Connors, owner of the above hotel, on examining the picture was not positive as to whether he has seen Meade or not, but stated that he would easily remember him if he saw him due to his peculiar mouth and action of his eye. Mr. Connors stated he would immediately notify the St. Louis office in the event he sees Meade or anyone resembling him.

Mr. J. A. Thompson, Post Office Inspector, was contacted to ascertain whether he had information concerning Meade and specifically whether he has known of Meade being in or around Springfield, Ill. Mr. Thompson stated that he had no information of that nature but would check his files and submit what information he did have.

Under date of September 16, 1935, the St. Louis Office was in receipt of a letter from Mr. Thompson which sets forth the following information:

\*A wanted circular was issued by our service, July 2, 1934, Case No. 54337-E, for William Elmer Mead, aliases John Henry Foster, J.W. Mead, E. E. Laird, and Edward E. Gaynor; age 30 in 1934; weight 160 pounds; height 5' 11"; eyes, blue; mouth distorted by wound; native of Iowa; wife, Katherine Mead, also known as Marie Mead and Kate Schmitt, has relatives located in Portland, Ore., and San Francisco, Calif. Residence, 1928 to 1934, at 1533 Fargo Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

\*The circular also shows that Mead was indicted Dec. 15, 1928 U. S. Court, Jacksonville, Fla., charges: Fraudulent use of the mails as "Confidence or Bunco" man; arrested Canon City, Colo. Sept. 15, 1925; forfeited bond on Dec. 7, 1931, at Jacksonville, Fla.; arrested August 10, 1933, at Chicago, Ill. Case called April 2, 1934, at Jacksonville, Fla.; bond of \$10,000 forfeited. If located or arrested, hold as fugitive and telegraph government rate collect to nearest post office inspector and United States Marshal, Jacksonville, Florida, and notify the Post Office Inspector in Charge, at Atlanta, Ga., or at New York, N. Y.

P E N D I N G



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

7-576

September 6, 1935.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Suite 1107,  
Traymore Hotel,  
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith twelve copies  
of the press release on William J. Harrison, twelve  
copies of the photograph of Harrison and twelve copies  
of Identification Order number 1239 which was issued  
on Harrison on February 12, 1935.

I am also enclosing herewith a memorandum  
prepared by Supervisor K. R. McIntire concerning the  
background of Harrison and his association with mem-  
bers of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Very truly yours,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

Enclosure #288392

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 6, 1935.

KRM:BN

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

There is herewith transmitted to you a memorandum prepared by Supervisor K. R. McIntire, which will reflect the personal history of William J. Harrison and will show his association with the members of the Barker-Karpis gang and the part he played with regard to the abduction of Edward George Bremer.

Respectfully,

*Hn*  
Harold Nathan.

*KRM*

7-576-7461

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Drawer 567  
San Francisco, California.

September 19, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave., at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:      Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 3, 1935,  
requesting that the Bureau be advised as to the number of copies of  
photographs of Subjects and suspects in the above entitled case, are  
needed in conducting further investigation.

It is respectfully requested that twenty-five photographs of  
each of the following individuals be forwarded to this office:

Alvin Karpis ✓	Joseph H. Adams ✓
Harry Campbell ✓	Dr. Joseph P. Moran ✓
Harry Sawyer ✓	"Duke" Randall
William J. Harrison	Nathaniel H. Heller
Cassius M. McDonald. ✓	

Very truly yours,

*Jay C. Newman*  
JAY C. NEWMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

c.c. St. Paul.  
c.c. Cincinnati  
c.c. Chicago.

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November 12, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of recent date, I am transmitting herewith twenty-five photographs each of the following individuals: Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Harry Sawyer, William J. Harrison, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, "Duke" Randall and Cassius M. McDonald.

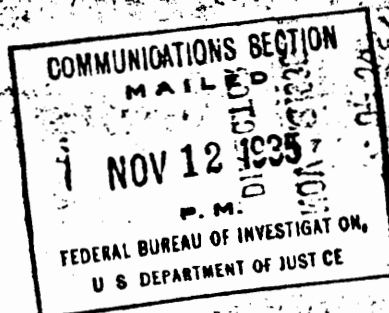
No photographs of Joseph H. Adams, or Nathaniel H. Heller are being transmitted to your office since it does not appear that they would be of any value.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #283151

cc- Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati**

FILE NO. **7-63**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Washington, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/21/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/12/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. L. Fagan</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <span style="float: right;">Anonymous letter received by the Director indicating person answering description of Alvin Karpis traveling in Lincoln automobile bearing New Jersey license 176-933 was presently at Wilkins Beach, Virginia. Investigation fails to disclose identity of writer of letter or that there was any such New Jersey registration as 176-933.</span>			
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DETAILS: <span style="float: right;">Mr. McIntyre of the Bureau exhibited an anonymous letter to Acting Special Agent in Charge F. M. Hickey of this office under date of September 12, 1935 dated at Painter, Virginia September 8, 1935 stating that a man was staying at Wilkins Beach, Northampton County, Virginia who resembled very much Alvin Karpis and furnished the description as 5'8" or 10", 155 pounds to 160 pounds, hair black, eyes black or dark brown, scar over left eye; that he carried a pistol in a holster under his left arm and was driving a 1934 model Lincoln Sedan bearing New Jersey license 176-933. The writer of the letter indicated that he maintained Post Office Box 302, Painter, Virginia.</span>			
In reply to a telegram to the Trenton Office, of this Bureau, information was received that there was no such license as New Jersey 176-933; that the registration license is confined to five numbers, all of which have a letter prefixed and that no driver's license was issued to date as high as 176-933.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jm. Keith</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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This Agent proceeded to Painter, Virginia on the same date and conducted an interview at the local Post Office with Mr. Jones and Mrs. Askins, Clerks in the Post Office who stated that the mail boxes numbered from 1 to 116 and that there was no Box 302 in Painter, Va. nor was there a record of a rural route box 302. Mr. Jones stated he was on duty late Sunday evening, September 8, 1935 preparing mail for the midnight train and he noticed a letter in the mail in handwriting unfamiliar to him addressed to "J. Edgar Hoover, Washington, D. C." and that on the upper left hand corner he noticed the return address Box 302. Neither Mr. Jones nor Mrs. Askins could furnish any information as to the possible identity of the writer of this letter. They stated that identification orders were always posted in the front lobby and they knew of no one in the community who would write such a letter.

Agent ascertained through discreet inquiries that no one at Painter, Virginia is the owner of a Lincoln automobile and from general inquiry no one has seen a Lincoln bearing New Jersey license in that vicinity.

Investigation conducted at Eastville and Cape Charles, Va., both small towns near Painter, Va., failed to elicit any information of value.

Investigation at Wilkins Beach, approximately two miles from Eastville and about 11 miles from Cape Charles, Va. disclosed that the only house on the beach is a large house having 30 rooms and at present is operated as a bathing house and local dance hall by John Silzy of Eastville, Virginia and is owned, according to the U. S. Marshal of Eastville, Va. by the brother-in-law of Virginia State Policeman Giles C. Upshur.

Agent, accompanied by Upshur of the Virginia State Police proceeded to the rooming house at Wilkins Beach and exhibited photographs of several well known gangsters to Mr. Silzy, Mrs. Silzy and a colored man who works at the place. None of them, however, could furnish any information of importance to this investigation. The Silzys stated that many people "dropped in for a swim" and that several weeks ago a party was there in a new Lincoln Sedan of tan color but none of them resembled the photographs exhibited.

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Sept 21, 1935

J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a clipping from the Kansas City Star. It struck me that the two faces look very like the couple that is wanted for the Bremer kidnapping (Wm Harrison and Myrtle Eaton.) The facts seem to fit in, too. Both couples hung around K.C. The ages are all similar. Each man's first name is William and they, all, have the similar facial characteristics. The only pictures I had to judge by, of course, were the ones on p. 12 of the Sept. 18 Startling Detective.

Please keep my name secret as I shouldn't want to be mixed in anything. If there is a reward, of course I will use it. I hesitate to write to

you, feeling that perhaps I'd just been reading too many detective stories. If so I apologise for taking up your time. But in the past my "hunches" have been correct and my "hunch" this time was so strong that I risked your personal decision, to know for sure.

As I said, tell no one my name for the fear of "gang vengeance" etc would be too much for me.

Yours sleuthingly  
Mrs. C. T. Green

Grand Forest Beach  
Huron Ohio. P. I.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SEP. 23 1935 P.M.

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ENCLOSURE

7-1576-7464

**Although a Woman Is Arrested  
With Him, She Not His  
Red-Haired Companion  
in Robberies.**

While searching for "Blackie" Doyle, bank robber, detectives yesterday afternoon stumbled upon the solution for the series of grocery robberies in which a red-haired woman has played a prominent role in Kansas City the last month.

The red-haired woman, identified as Gladys Smith, was not captured. Neither was the elusive Doyle. Instead Robert K. Cole and Tom Clarkin, city detectives, arrested a man who said he was William Newman and a woman companion. Newman confessed to six grocery holdups, implicating Gladys Smith and another man.

Earlier in the afternoon the officers, accompanied by two federal agents, went to the 3600 block on East Twelfth street, where they were informed Doyle was in hiding. A thorough search of an apartment building gave only one unusual detail—in an apartment rented to a Mr. and Mrs. William Barr, freshly laundered shirts bore the name "Cole."

**SAYS NEWMAN FITS DESCRIPTION.**

Clarkin remained in the neighborhood, awaiting the couple's return. He said he recognized Newman immediately as the man described by his victims as the leader of the grocery robbing band. When Clarkin was rejoined by Cole, the two found two revolvers and a 12-gauge double-barreled shotgun mounted on a pistol frame in a zipper bag in the apartment.

Newman withheld his identity for an hour and a half. He then admitted he had served a term in the California penitentiary for burglary, that he had lived in Kansas City the last year, and that he had committed six holdups.

Gladys Smith, he said in a signed



**WILLIAM NEWMAN, BANDIT WHO CONFESSED A SERIES OF GROCERY ROBBERIES, AND A WOMAN ARRESTED WITH HIM. SHE REFUSED TO GIVE HER NAME TO POLICE.**

statement, had been his accomplice, along with her man companion, who usually drove the bandit car. She left early this week for Western Texas.



statement, had been his accomplice, along with her man companion, who usually drove the bandit car. She left early this week for Western Texas, Newman said. He asserted the woman arrested with him had taken no part in the robberies.

Shortly before his incarceration in San Quentin, he met Gladys Smith in Los Angeles, Newman said. He saw her upon his arrival in Kansas City and she joined him in banditry.

#### WOMAN IN FIVE HOLDUPS.

Newman admitted these robberies, asserting Gladys Smith was an accomplice in all except the last one:

August 13—Jewel Tea Company, 3105 Euclid, \$784.84.  
August 17—Dee's Wash Shop, 3711 Summit, \$150.  
August 19—Piggy-Wiggly grocery, 3704 East Twenty-seventh; more than \$50.  
August 20—Pierson grocery, 3305 Summit, \$75.  
August 27—Weneck grocery, 2701 Holmes, \$50.  
September 5—Santa Fe market, 2845 Indiana, \$44.

Newman is 31 years old. He has been unemployed, he said, since he was released from prison. He said he was a user of narcotics, of which a quantity was found in his apartment. The woman arrested, neighbors told the officers, had been drinking heavily since she rented the apartment a week ago. She refused to give her name to police. Both she and Newman were booked for investigation.

Detectives said the information that Doyle was in Kansas City and probably could be found in the neighborhood where Newman was arrested came from Charles L. (Bad Eye) Arbogast, captured following the Blythesdale robbery. Beside Doyle, authorities are seeking John Langan for the robbery.

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September 28, 1935

Mrs. C. T. Green,  
R. 1, Grand Forest Beach,  
Huron, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

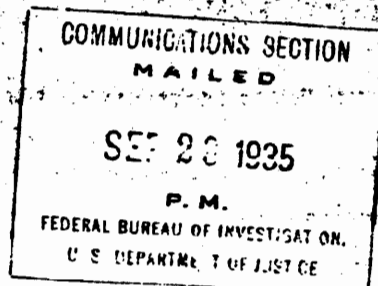
I am in receipt of your letter of September 21, 1935, in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, in which you enclosed a clipping from the Kansas City Star relative to two individuals who you believe are William Harrison and Myrtle Eaton.

Please be advised that the photographs contained in the clipping which you forwarded are not those of William Harrison and Myrtle Eaton. However, I wish to thank you for your interest in forwarding the clipping to this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
Cleveland  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
September 21, 1935

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

7-576-2465	
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
SEP 24 1935 A.M.	
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1218, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

With further reference to my letter dated July 3, 1935, transmitting correspondence of Lloyd and Arthur Barker at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, please find enclosed the following:

The original of a letter from Arthur Barker to his father, G. E. Barker, Post Office Box 724, Joplin, Missouri, undated.

The original of a letter from Lloyd Barker to his father, G. E. Barker, Post Office Box 724, Joplin, Missouri, dated September 2, 1935.

The original of a letter from G. E. Barker, Post Office Box 724, Joplin, Missouri, to Arthur Barker, dated September 11, 1935.

The enclosed should be examined at the Technical Laboratory, as suggested in my previous letter dated July 3, 1935. Copies of the enclosed letters are being attached to the copies of this letter for the Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Paul offices, and a copy retained in the Kansas City file.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

AJN:B  
cc - Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#6101

Laboratory Report

Case: ALVIN KARPIS WITH ALIASES - FUGITIVE, Number: 7-576-7465  
I.O. #1218, ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING. HARBORING OF FUGITIVES. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT  
Specimens: 7-576-7465-A. Original letter beginning, "I will answer your most welcome letter received some time back. I was glad to hear that.."  
7-576-7465-B. Envelope addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker, Joplin, Mo., p. o. 724, not postmarked.  
7-576-7465-C. Original letter beginning, "I received your always welcome letter and I am always glad to hear you are feeling better.."  
Examination requested by:

Kansas City Bureau Office

Date received: 9-24-35

Examination requested: Handwriting

Result of examination: Examination by: Appel

(Specimens - continued from above)

7-576-7465-D. Envelope addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker, P.O. Box 724, Joplin, Mo.

7-576-7465-E. Original letter beginning, "Received letter. found me feeling fare. My attorney went to Chicago and got a settlement and.."

7-576-7465-F. Envelope addressed to Arthur Barker, Leavenworth, Kansas, Box 7, postmarked 6 PM, Sept. 11, 1935, Joplin, Mo.

cc - Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

*Parallel beam of light used for indented writing  
nothing found  
few indentures from face of  
envelopes - all accounted for*

*Ultra Violet Light - Nothing -  
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Joined with loose dummies -*

October 2, 1935

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7-576-7465

Mr. W. A. Smith,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report #6101 in connection with the case entitled, Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward George Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

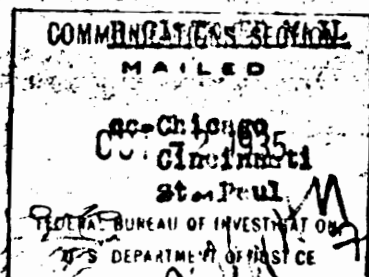
In accordance with the statement contained therein, the following specimens are being returned herewith, photographic copies of same having been made for the completion of our files:

- A. Original letter beginning "I will answer your most...".
- B. Envelope addressed to Mr. G. E. Parker, Registry #46928.
- C. Original letter beginning "I received your always...".
- D. Envelope addressed to Mr. G. E. Parker, Registry #17243.
- E. Original letter beginning "Received your letter...".
- F. Envelope addressed to Arthur Barker.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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October 1, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 21, 1935, in connection with the case entitled, Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act, with which there was transmitted the correspondence of Lloyd and Arthur Barker for comparison in the Technical Laboratory.

It was indicated that carbon copies of your letter to the Bureau were being transmitted to the Chicago, Cincinnati, and St. Paul offices, together with typewritten copies of the correspondence submitted to the Laboratory. Inadvertently the copies intended for the above mentioned offices were forwarded to the Bureau together with certain correspondence which obviously was intended for retention in your files. Accordingly, the copies are being transmitted with a copy of this letter to the respective offices for which they were intended and the copies for the files of your office are being returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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cc - Chicago  
Cincinnati P. M.  
St. Paul  
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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BOSTON, MASS.**

FILE NO. **62-129 LMC**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/13/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/3, 4, 9, 12/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. B. FLETCHER</b>
TITLE <b>HERBERT F. CALLAHAN JAMES P. MAHONEY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>MISCELLANEOUS UNETHICAL ACTIVITIES</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Continued investigation through Boston Police Dept. fails to disclose the party who contacted Subject Callahan. Francis L. Sweeney states he had no knowledge of teletypes received by the Boston Police and the subject matter of this investigation. Subpoena issued for production Western Union records covering \$200 money order.</p>			
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<p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent H. B. Fletcher, Boston, Mass., dated September 3, 1935</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p><u>AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS</u></p> <p>Agent contacted Police Commissioner E. M. McSweeney, Boston Police Department, 154 Berkeley Street, for the purpose of continuing the discreet investigation, tracing the teletype messages set out in reference report. Agent explained to the Commissioner the purpose of his visit, explaining that the Bureau was interested in determining the identity of the party named as "Fred" in State Teletype #93 dated July 13, 1935. Mr. McSweeney stated that Agent could make use of all the resources of the Boston Police Department and could conduct such investigation as he deemed appropriate. Commissioner McSweeney introduced Agent to Superintendent Martin F. King of the Boston Police Department and stated that Mr. King would be available to Agent for the purpose of aiding him in his investigation. Agent then presented the matter under investigation showing Superintendent King</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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<p>2 - Bureau 3 - Boston (1 U. S. Atty. Ford)</p> <p>DEINDEXED THIS SERIAL ONLY 9/16/57 23</p>		<p>7-1576-7466</p> <p>SEP 23 1935</p> <p>SEP 24 1935</p> <p>OCT 5 1935</p>	



the copies of the teletypes as formerly secured by Agent through the cooperation of the Detective Bureau, Boston Police Department.

Superintendent King stated that, in view of the information furnished by Agent, he believed the proper place to begin the investigation was in the Detective Bureau and for that purpose, called Captain Stephen Flaherty in the absence of Deputy Superintendent James R. Claflin.

Captain Flaherty stated that, in view of the nature of the teletypes, he did not believe that the Detective Bureau had any knowledge of the same, but that he would be glad to help Agent so far as possible. Captain Flaherty advised that he had known Subject Callahan ever since boyhood and had gone to school with him and that, knowing Callahan as he did, he would say that it would be impossible to secure any information by contacting Callahan. Captain Flaherty stated that he had on previous occasions attempted to get information from Subject Callahan in matters in which he was interested but, despite his acquaintanceship with Subject Callahan, he has been unable to secure any such information. He added further that Subject Callahan was a well known criminal attorney in the city of Boston and that it was a known fact that Callahan often appeared for the purpose of aiding his clients as soon as they were arrested. Agent took this to be an expression of opinion by Captain Flaherty that Callahan had unknown sources of information as to the activities of the law enforcement officials.

Agent attempted on September 4th to contact Deputy Superintendent James R. Claflin, head of the Detective Bureau, Boston Police Department, and was advised that Mr. Claflin would not be available until near the end of the week or the first of the following week. In view of the nature of the investigation being conducted, Agent did not believe it advisable to proceed without contacting Deputy Superintendent Claflin. Consequently, no further investigation was conducted relative to the Boston Police Department until September 9, 1935 when Deputy Commissioner Claflin returned to his office.

Deputy Commissioner Claflin stated, after the matter had been presented to him that he did not believe that the Detective Bureau had any knowledge of the teletypes in question and that he does not recall ever having seen or heard of these teletypes and that the nature of the teletypes lead him to believe that the Bureau of Records and the Bureau of Operations would be the only places where Agent might secure the information he desired. For the purpose of aiding the Agent, he called Lt. James T. Sheehan, who is in charge of the Bureau of Records, and discussed the teletypes in question with Lt. Sheehan in the presence of Agent.

Lieutenant Sheehan stated that he was not entirely conversant with the matter but that he had been approached by this Agent during the tracing of the teletypes, as set out in the reference report, and that he believed at that time, Agent had secured all the information that was possible at the Bureau of Records.

Deputy Superintendent Claflin suggested that Agent return to the Bureau of Operations and determine who sent the reply to State Teletype #93 which reply was indicated to be Boston #95 dated July 13, 1935, as set out in the reference report.

At the Bureau of Operations, the full cooperation of the personnel was secured; a re-check of the teletypes was made, together with a re-check of the journal, and no information was obtained other than that already in possession of Agent. An effort was then made to find the original copy of the teletype as sent to the Bureau of Operations for transmittal to the Northampton Police. It was found that no original copy of the teletype was in the possession of the Bureau of Operations.

It was ascertained that teletype bearing Boston #95 was transmitted by Operator Ely, who was contacted by telephone by one of the officers present, and he advised that he recalled State Teletype #93 and Boston Teletype #95. He stated that upon receipt of State Teletype #93, he had personally taken it down to the Bureau of Records and consulted Berkebile, who was the only officer on duty in the Bureau of Records at that time. Berkebile was very busy fingerprinting and taking pictures of a number of police characters and requested Ely to try to get more information. In response to this oral request, Ely transmitted teletype bearing Boston #95.

In view of the fact that Berkebile was apparently the only official on duty at the Bureau of Records at the time State Teletype #93 was received, Agent contacted Lieutenant Sheehan, who advised that Berkebile was one of his most trusted officers and that information in his possession would not be transmitted to outside sources.

Francis L. Sweeney, 191 Poplar St., Roslindale, Mass. stated that he is a police officer, being one of four officers on the Narcotic Squad of the Detective Bureau, Boston Police Department, and that his hours on duty are from five P. M. until midnight. He stated that he knew Herbert F. Callahan as an attorney who had a great deal of criminal work and that he had come in contact with Callahan as a result of having cases in which Callahan represented parties in whose arrest Sweeney had been interested.

Agent exhibited copies of teletypes in question to Mr. Sweeney and he stated that he had never seen them before and only faintly recalled the newspaper items relative to the arrest of William E. Meade at Northampton. He advised that he was not acquainted with any underworld character using the name "Frank Sweeney" and could not tell Agent to whom Callahan had referred in his statement. Mr. Sweeney apparently had not noticed the similarity between his name and that of "Frank Sweeney", but finally volunteered that he realized that his name and description

was similar to that of the Frank Sweeney referred to by Attorney Callahan. He stated that he hoped Agent did not believe that he was the Frank Sweeney referred to by Attorney Callahan. Agent indicated that he attached some importance to the similarity of names and Mr. Sweeney assured Agent that he had not contacted Callahan in this matter and that his acquaintanceship with Callahan was not of such character as to permit even a passing "hello". He said that he doubted that Callahan even knew he existed and that when passed on the street by Callahan, the latter makes no sign of recognition. He assured Agent that he had not contacted Callahan relative to this matter and knew nothing about it. Mr. Sweeney appeared to be very sincere in his statements and somewhat worried over the similarity in names in view of the investigation being conducted by Agent.

At the General Offices, Western Union Telegraph Company, 218 Congress St., Boston, Agent was advised that it would be impossible for the company to furnish any information relative to the money order telegram sent from Boston to Northampton forwarding \$200 as bail for the party known as Charles E. Carter, and that the same could only be obtained upon the issuance of a subpoena. Mr. C. A. Crane, Superintendent, was designated to Agent as the proper party to subpoena to secure this information.

Agent consulted United States Attorney Francis J. W. Ford, and requested that a subpoena be issued requiring the production of the Western Union records, as set out above. Mr. Ford granted Agent's request and the subpoena is being issued returnable at 10 A. M. the 16th of September, 1935.

Agent also related the facts of this investigation to Mr. Ford, requesting an opinion as to possible prosecution. Attorney Ford stated that he did not believe the facts determined to date would authorize any prosecution on any charge of which he had knowledge. He suggested that a subpoena be issued for Herbert F. Callahan to appear before the Grand Jury in an effort to secure more information from him. Mr. Ford agreed with Agent that perhaps it would be better to delay issuance of a subpoena on Subject Callahan pending the completion of the contemplated investigation.

Lester Standley, 30 Federal St., Boston, Mass., was contacted by Agent for the purpose of determining the long distance phone calls made to and from Subject Callahan's known phone numbers on July 13 and 14, 1935. Mr. Standley is a Special Agent employee of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company. He stated that he would procure this information for Agent as soon as possible.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

BOSTON OFFICE - At Boston, Massachusetts

Will secure all information possible in possession of the Western Union Telegraph Company, relative to the money order telegram sent to Northampton, July 13, 1935, by Herbert F. Callahan.

Will re-contact Lester Standley for the purpose of securing information as to long distance phone calls made and received by Herbert F. Callahan, July 13 and 14, 1935.

Will re-interview Herbert F. Callahan or will have a subpoena issued for his appearance before the Grand Jury as suggested by United States Attorney Ford, when investigation indicates that it is advisable to get a re-statement from Callahan of his conduct in this matter.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

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Room 1103  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

September 20, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephonic conversation between Mr. Tamm of the Bureau and Assistant Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson on the evening of September 19, 1935, at which time Mr. Tamm advised that unless advice to the contrary is received Assistant Special Agent in Charge Hanson should appear at St. Paul, Minnesota, on the morning of September 26, 1935, in connection with the grand jury proceedings against Cassius McDonald, a subject in the Brekid case.

In accordance with instructions given by Mr. Tamm, Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith has been advised that the Bureau wishes that he be the Acting Special Agent in Charge of the New York office during the absence of Assistant Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson.

For your information it has been ascertained that Assistant Special Agent in Charge Hanson can depart from New York City at 10:50 P.M. on September 24th by the New York Central Railway and arrive in St. Paul, Minnesota, at 7:25 A.M. on September 26th. You will be advised more definitely later as to the exact time of the departure of Assistant Special Agent in Charge Hanson as well as to the accommodations he will use enroute to St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Edw. G. Bremer



# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
September 21, 1935

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1218, et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Reference is made to the letter from the Kansas City office to the Bureau in the above captioned matter, dated September 16, 1935, advising that a cover has been placed on all communications received by Elmer Farmer, Register #47103, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Transmitted herewith are typewritten copies of the following letters:

Copy of a letter to Elmer Farmer from Irene Hannephin, dated September 4, 1935.

Copy of a letter to Elmer Farmer from Helen Conliff, undated, mailed September 10, 1935.

Copy of a letter sent by Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff, dated September 15, 1935.

Copy of a letter sent by Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant, dated September 15, 1935.

Copy of a letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer, dated September 13, 1935.

RECORDED & INDEXED 7-576-7468  
Copies of the enclosed letters are also being attached to the copies of this letter for the Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Paul offices, and a copy retained in the Kansas City file. SEP 24 1935 A.M.

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cc - Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
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SEP 24 1935

Very truly yours,  
W. A. Smith,  
Special Agent in Charge. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
ONE FILE

Enclosure in back of file

Chicago, Illinois  
September 4, 1934

(Envelope postmarked 9-10-35)

Dear Elmer:-

Here I am writing you another letter but I suppose you like to receive lots of letters. Anyway, I'll write a few lines to you. Labor Day was pretty gloomy in here. It was going to rain all day and it was dark. It did rain at night, though. I didn't think you received my other letter because you didn't say anything about it in your other letter but the one to-day explained it. That picture of Helen is good, isn't it? Helen was wondering why she didn't get your letter yesterday but I guess they didn't collect the mail any place until yesterday. Our house in Bensenville is being fixed up inside. I guess they are cleaning it and repairing everything. It sure needed it. The bathroom wall was falling down. Scottie got hit by an automobile today. The car stopped right away but the fender must have grazed his leg because it's sore. He runs wild every place though. He'll be getting killed because he never watches out for cars or anything. He even crosses the street car tracks without looking. There's a lady upstairs who's just crazy about him and she heard about his getting hurt. Her and her husband came down to see him this afternoon and she was crying all over the poor dog. She takes him up in her apartment and feeds him and gets on the floor and plays with him. Well, I can't think of much more to say to you right now but I'll write again soon.

With love

Irene Hannephin

(Addressed to Elmer Farmer, Register #47103)

7-576-7468

(Copy)

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Miss Helen Conliff, 4034 West End Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

September 15, 1935

Dear Helen:-

Received your letter friday night, also one from Ireen. I am writing this letter to you Sunday night so will mail it on my way to breakfast in the morning. I usley dont waite this late to write you but thought maybey you would write again and I would get it tonight so would answer it this week but the mail man just went by and no mail. The agent that was down to see me was Madell he was one of the agents that took the stand in St. Paul against Jimmie and Burg. he had quite a lot to say but it all didnt mean a thing to me. he was here three days and came to see me each day. I wish they would let me alone in here. he was telling me about Bensenville also about Micks case and him having Sam Golan for Attorney. he seems to get around and find out just what is going on. He told me Montes wife had a tea room some place on Madison St. I suppose its out near where she lives at. so Limepeter has all the gambling out there I dont under stand what you mean by that. is it just in the Town or all over the county and what kind of gambling is it. dont write any letter down here about work for me as I expect to get work some time soon now and you writing down here wouldnt do any good. Ireen will start to school in the morning hope she like it out there. I dont think they will set her back a year as all shcools have about the same lessons now. We are having nice weather down here now I suppose its about the same were you are. so your new job didnt last long. I dont suppose youwould like it any way. so Rose and Bill were out to Mary's when you were there give them my regards when ever you see them. do you ever hear how Bert and his wife is getting along. also Martha. I am getting along pretty good down here now beginning to get used of the place and the time seems to fly by and when I get out in the yard things will be much better for me. I eat good and feel much better then I have for some time. so you see Nick and May often I hope they dont loose there house as that would be afful for them. give them my regards next time you see them. so you wrote to McKeekin. I dont see why he wants me to go back up there. anyway I dont want to go so when he find that out mabey he will quite asking me to go back up there. this is about all the news for this week so will say goodbye best regards to all.

Elmer Farmer.

(Copy)

7-576-7468

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103, to Mrs. Blanche Brabant,  
275 Geneva Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois.

September 15, 1935

Dear Blanche:-

Received your letter Saturday night, was glad to hear from you so you are putting up Tomatoes now, thats a lot of work but they come in handy later on. they put up lots of them in here as they have about three farms out side and plenty of men to work on them so they raise lots of thing and can them for the winter. that government agent was here three days talking to me about things I dont know anything about I wish they would let me alone in here. I told him I would not go back up to St. Paul so it look like they are trying to scare me in to going back but I am not going. he seems to know all about Bensenville and just whats going on out there all the time. we sure are having fine weather down here now about the same as you have up there. I am still waiting for some thing to do here and think I am taking on a little weight, but hope to take it off when I get out in the yard. I am feeling fine and eat good. I really feel better now than I did for some time I think the rest did me good. I can go to school down here or take up most any kind of business course I want to. but I have to waite untill I am working to do so. What do you think would be the best to take up. they have all kinds of different thing I can learn but havent been out in the yard to find out. What I would like to do after I get out there will let you know what they are and see what you think about it. Where I am now I can onley take up some kind of mail order course or some kind of school lessons they give you each day and so far I havent tryed any of them yet. I suppose Gifford likes it much better now that he is working steady. I read all about the horses every day and keep trying to pick a winner but dont have much luck doing so. Two papers I get every day have all the races in them one is the Chicago American and the other the Kansas City Times. they are both good sporting papers and I have plenty of time to look them over good. I also get plenty of books from the Librery here to read and papers from most every where in United States. so I am keep pretty busy reading most of the time. I never was much to read on the out side but since I have been in here thats about all I do. they have ball games every Saturday and Sunday in here also shows but so far I have never seen any of them and wont get to all them until I am given some kind of work so you see why I am hoping thay put me to work soon. This is about all for this week best regards  
Elmer Farmer

(Copy)

Letter from Blanche Brabaut, Elmhurst (state indistinct), addressed to Elmer Farmer, Register #47103. Mailed September 12, 1935.

September 13, 1935

Dear Elmer:-

Received your letter as usual Tuesday evening and was glad to hear from you, meant to write you yesterday but had to can some tomatoes. We are getting so many now and they dont keep that I have to put them up as soon as they are ripe.

I'll hurry up and mail this letter this morning so you'll be sure to get it Saturday.

I'm glad you are not going back up there on any more cases, as you dont know those people you couldn't testify, and you have to think of yourself and when you have served your time and come back you want to live your life without fear and so do I. I hope you'll soon get work and then you will be more settled.

If they have a school there may be you could take up some study while you are there. Am glad you are getting the papers as reading them keeps you informed as to what is going on. So you follow the races. Can you pick any winners?

Your food is very good there and it's fine you get milk twice a week. The price of food has risen a 100% in the last six months here. Your dollar is worth about 50¢ now. Chud was over the other day, he says he has the place all fixed up inside and out and it looks fine. They are building at the roundhouse so there are a lot of extra men working now and that keeps business in the restaurant.

We are having nice weather now. Guess yours is about the same as here. I'll say Good-Bye for this time.

Love from both of us

Blanche Brabaut

(Copy)



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

September 16, 1935

Mr. E. E. Conroy,  
Agent-in-Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Att'n. Mr. A. E. Farland.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find copies of two  
letters, which Elmer Farmer, reg. #47103, wrote  
to the following:

Miss Helen Conliff,  
Mrs Blanche Brabant.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE WARDEN,

*E. H. Eckholdt*

E. H. Eckholdt,  
Secretary.

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September 13, 1935

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Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Att'n: Mr. A. E. Farland.

Dear Sir:-

Attached hereto is copy of a letter  
received from Blanche Brabaut for Elmer Farmer,  
reg. #47103.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE WARDEN,

*E. H. Eckholdt*

E. H. Eckholdt,  
Secretary.

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UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
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September 12, 1935

Mr. E. E. Conroy,  
Agent-in-charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Att'n Mr. A. E. Farland.

Dear Sir:-

As per your verbal request, we are  
enclosing herewith copies of two letters re-  
ceived from Irene Hannephin and Helen Conliff,  
for Elmer Farmer, our reg. #47103.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE WARDEN,

*E. H. Eckholdt*

E. H. Eckholdt,  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9-28-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9-13-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>GENE H. HENRY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239, MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, et al. SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS</b></p> <p>Officers of Oneglia &amp; Gervasini, of Torrington, Conn., know nothing of William Meade. Chief of Police Hugh Meade believes he once saw William Meade on streets of Torrington, but his memory of this is vague.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Mass., dated 7-20-35.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p><b>AT TORRINGTON, CONN.</b></p> <p>Agent interviewed Mr. Andrew Oneglia, partner in the firm of Oneglia &amp; Gervasini, road builders and contractors of Torrington, Conn. Agent exhibited a photograph of William Meade and was advised that Oneglia has never seen Meade or had business dealings with him. His partner, Romeo Gervasini, home telephone 4892, office telephone 6551, was at present out of town for several days and was expected to return in the near future. Oneglia advised that it was unlikely that his partner had any contact with Meade, but in the event anyone corresponding to Meade's description had approached Gervasini, he would notify the New York Bureau Office by telephone.</p> <p>Agent also exhibited said photograph of William Meade.</p>			
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to Amelia Pasquariello and Olga Cartocci, who are the office clerks of Oneglia & Gervasini, and neither recognized said photograph, although Miss Pasquariello remembered that there was a certain P.W.A. auditor who appeared to her somewhat similar to Meade. However, upon subsequent interrogation, Miss Pasquariello doubted if he were the same individual, as the man she had observed was very short and quite stocky. He appeared in Torrington on July 31, 1935, driving a tan Buick car with New York license plates.

Agent also exhibited the photograph of Meade to Eugene Broggi, who is the field man for the firm of Oneglia & Gervasini, and who stated that he had never seen such person.

Mr. Oneglia advised agent that he had P.W.A. contracts on the Harwinton, Norfolk and Canaan highways; that his weekly payroll exceeded \$4,000; that he had perhaps the largest share of P.W.A. work in the State; and the fact that his name was checked on the "NERBA" (New England Road Builders Association) publication might have indicated that he was spotted as a party likely to have considerable cash on hand; that the nature of his contracting and construction jobs is such that it would be rather difficult for anyone to run a confidence scheme on him; that he had never been approached by anyone under any circumstances which might have appeared suspicious; but that he will be on the lookout for anyone answering the description agent gave of William Meade, and will ascertain from his fellow contractors if anyone had attempted to pull a confidence scheme on them.

Mr. F. W. Disbrow, New Milford, Conn., who is Assistant Highway Engineer, was interviewed, and the photograph of William Meade exhibited to him. Mr. Disbrow stated that he has never seen subject Meade but that he will, in his various contacts, endeavor to ascertain any information which may be of value in this investigation.

Hugh E. Meade, Chief of the Torrington Police Department, was interviewed, and upon agent's exhibiting the photograph of subject Meade, stated that he felt reasonably certain he had seen Meade some place on the street in Torrington. He gave agent a description which was approximately accurate, without any further comment from agent. He stated, however, that his memory is vague and he cannot recall where or when he saw subject, but will endeavor to refresh his memory on the matter and will advise this office in the event he obtains any information of value.

Agent searched the telephone directories of Torrington, Conn., and observed that fifteen contracting and building firms are listed there, but did not deem it advisable to contact said firms



until further information was obtained indicating Meade's presence in Torrington, Conn.

Agent attempted to verify the presence of a P.W.A. auditor in Torrington, Conn., on July 31, 1935, but two attempts to contact Mr. Hoffman, Regional Director, P.W.A., were unsuccessful.

AT HARTFORD, CONN.

Mr. Joe Harrison, Field Investigator for the Aetna Life Insurance Company, 151 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, Conn., was interviewed in connection with another matter, and advised that about eight years ago, a druggist of Holyoke, Mass., had had a car stolen and the same had been traced to Canada and to William Meade; that Joe Beauchmine, 1200 Main Street, Springfield, Mass., who handled the case for the Aetna at that time, telephoned him a few days ago, requesting the file on said old case; that Beauchmine had been advised that C. E. Carter, who was taken into custody by the Northampton, Mass., Police, was in reality the same William Meade whom they had wanted in connection with the above mentioned druggist's stolen car; that he had advised Beauchmine that the file had been destroyed on said case. Mr. Harrison stated that Beauchmine apparently did not recall the facts of said case, and doubted if an interview with him concerning said car stolen eight years ago would be of any assistance. He advised, however, that the Aetna Life Insurance Company had a system of classification of handwriting; that all applications for licenses in the State of Connecticut are searched daily; that Connecticut has a reputation for being an easy state in which to obtain licenses; and that by jerking all applications which appear in the least suspicious, they are able to apprehend on an average of one a week of characters who are wanted by police officials. Mr. Harrison offered to classify William Meade's handwriting in their permanent file and to compare same with former applications which appear suspicious, and he will advise the New York Bureau Office of any information developed. At the time of this interview, agent was not in possession of a specimen of Meade's handwriting, same being on file in the New York Office. Arrangements were made with Mr. Harrison to interview him in the near future, at which time a specimen of Meade's handwriting will be furnished him for the purpose of classification in his file.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW YORK OFFICE, at Hartford, Conn., will furnish Mr. Joe Harrison, Aetna Life Insurance Company, 151 Farmington Avenue, with specimen of the handwriting of William Meade, and will re-interview him with regard to any information developed by a more thorough search of the Aetna Life Insurance Company files.

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Will interview Regional Director Hoffman, State Capitol Building, relative to whether a P.W.A. auditor called upon the firm of Oneglia & Gervasini on or about July 31, 1935, and whether he fits the description, even remotely, of William Meade.

At Torrington, Conn., will re-interview Hugh E. Meade, Chief of Police, relative to further information he may have concerning William Meade.

Will contact Romeo Gervasini and exhibit photograph of William Meade for possible identification.

Will make further investigation among building contractors in the vicinity as further developments may justify.

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WILLIAM WEAVER FIRST BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH DOC BARKER WHILE BOTH  
SERVING LIFE FOR MURDER IN OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY MCALIST  
OKLAHOMA BOTH RELEASED APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME STOP DOC BARKE  
JOINED FRED AND MA BARKER IN STPAUL AND SOON THEREAFTER WEAVER  
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KARPIS BARKER GANG STOP WEAVER LIVED WITH EATON IN STPAUL AND  
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AND WEAVER SPOTTED BREMER BY MAINTAINING A SURVEILLANCE NEAR  
BREMERS BANK STOP TWO CARS USED IN BREMERS ABDUCTION WEAVER  
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BREMER TO BENSONVILLE HIDEOUT AND ARRANGED FOR WASHING BREMER  
HEAD WOUNDS UPON ARRIVAL HIDEOUT STOP WEAVER ACTED AS GUARD  
DURING BREMERS CAPTIVITY BUT AFTER PERHAPS TEN OR FIFTEEN DAY  
WEAVER AND KARPIS HAD TROUBLE AND WEAVER WAS FORCED TO LEAVE

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HIDEOUT STOP MEANWHILE EATON HAD GONE TO CHICAGO WITH WYNONA  
BURDETTE PAULA HARMON AND EDNA MURRAY AND EATON TOOK AN APARTMENT  
ON CHICAGOS SOUTHSIDE STOP WEAVER REJOINED HER HERE UPON BEING  
CAST OUT OF HIDEOUT AND REMAINED HERE WITH HER UNTIL RANSOM MONEY  
PAID AND BREMER RELEASED STOP WEAVER AND EATON THEN TOOK RESIDENCE  
IN AUTOTA ILLINOIS STOP GIVING UP THIS APARTMENT ON APRIL 28 1935  
EATON AND WEAVER JOINED REMAINDER OF KARPIS BARKER GANG STOP  
MYRTLE EATON HAS FOLLOWING CRIMINAL RECORD ARRESTED AS RUTH  
MARTIN MINNEAPOLIS FEBRUARY 27 1930 CHARGE GRAND LARCENY  
SHOPLIFTING CHARGE LATER CHANGED TO PETTY LARCENY AND EATON FINE  
ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ARRESTED DECEMBER 9 1930 AS SUE BOND STPAUL  
CHARGES SHOPLIFTING DISMISSED AS MRS ALICE MARTIN ARRESTED  
DESMOINES IOWA DECEMBER 29 1931 INVESTIGATION RELEASED STOP EATON  
INCLUDED IN INDICTMENT RETURNED JANUARY 22 1935 CHARGING  
CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE KIDNAPPING STATUTE IN CONNECTION WITH BREMER  
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NATHAN.



ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

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Miami Fla. Sept. 21st. 35

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Mr. Edgar J. Hoover,  
Washington D.C.

SEP 30 1935

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SEP 24 1935 A.M.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Dear Sir;

The trial of Joe Adams, in connection with the Karpis case, is scheduled for sometime this fall in the Federal court in Miami. Thought you would like to know what the advance reports are in connection with same. The talk of the whole town is that the father-in-law of Adams, Mr. Knight, who is a brother-in-law of Congressman Wilcox of Florida, has gone to Washington several times and through this connection, has fixed things up so that Adams will be acquitted. The story is that the hotel man in Havana is also to be freed and the man Randall is to take the rap; the story is also that Adams has a strong pull with Judge Ritter, because Adams and Ritter's Son have been pals for years. They have had dozens of drinking and womens parties together, before Adams married Knight's Daughter last year.

The people in Miami who know anything at all about the case, are familiar with the facts that Adams has been a front man for the Chicago gangsters for several years, and has been connected with the McFarland gang. In fact McFarland has always been the real boss of Adams's race tracks in Miami. The report is now that Adams so sure of being freed that he has again taken over the active management in Miami, which belongs to McFarland and Mr. Knight.

Everybody knows that Adams harbored the Karpis crowd last winter, in his hotel, in Bradford's house and in another house in Miami. They also know that Knight and Adams exchange a good many One Thousand bills (dollars) at the dog track at the First National Bank.

I have been a resident of Miami for 26 years and I admit that I have been working for Adams at his track for 4 years and have my job again this year, he promised it to me last week. A meeting was held last night of twelve old Miami citizens and it was decided that Miami should get rid of these gangsters and that is the reason I am writing you all of these things. This same crowd killed Skeets Owens last winter and used Chicago gangster methods here, with the help of Mr. Knight, who gave them local political protection and brought them all to Miami. Please excuse this badly written letter, it is the best I can do on a typewriter, and you can understand that I can't put my life in danger in letting you know who I am, they might find out.

Edw. D. Brannen

See file  
cc Connolly  
L. B. Paul  
9/28/35  
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Send copy to



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7-576 - 7471 September 28, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al.  
Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - KIDNAPING.

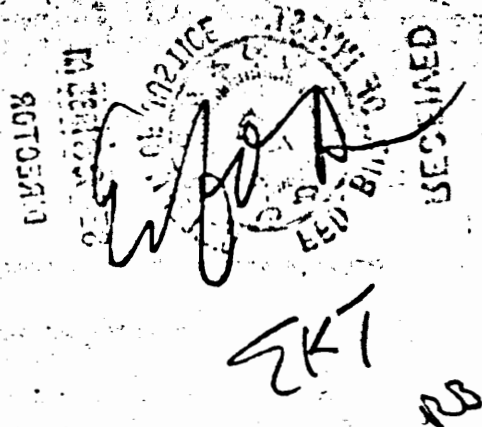
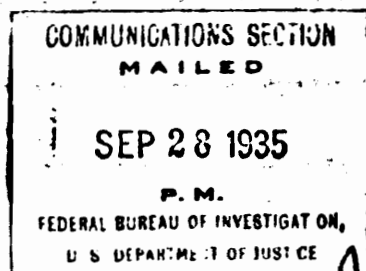
For your information there are transmitted herewith  
copies of an anonymous communication, dated September 21,  
1935, at Miami, Florida, in connection with the above  
entitled case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

Enclosure 826778.



Room 1403,  
370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

September 17, 1935

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Owing to the frequency with which Walter Winchell scoops his fellow newspapermen on news items which have to do with activities of the Bureau, considerable talk is heard of late in New York City implying that Winchell has some connection within the Bureau with a Bureau official which permits him to secure these news items before other reporters secure the information.

Winchell's broadcast of two weeks ago last Sunday night wherein he advised as to the capture of Weaver and the arrest of Nelson precipitated considerable talk, as did his expose of Chase's statement in the Frisch case.

I am merely bringing this matter to your attention in order that you may have knowledge concerning this bridge table and sidewalk gossip.

Very truly yours,

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He never knew the names  
and didn't mention them as  
I heard the broadcast.

/s/ J. E. H.

THT/or

T. H. TRACY  
Special Agent

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SACS PORTLAND CINCINNATI CHICAGO PHILADELPHIA

PHONE. BREKID AND WEYNAP. REFERENCE PORTLAND TELETYPE PATRICK J. LYONS.

LYONS MOTHER RESIDES 1052 OLIVER STREET INDIANAPOLIS WITH LYONS COUSIN

MRS. BRIDGETT DOWDELL. MRS. DOWDELL STATES LYONS WORLD WAR VETERAN AND

DRAWS COMPENSATION AND HAS RECENTLY BEEN IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL AT

SAWTELLE CALIFORNIA. LYONS MARRIED TO GIRL NAMED NELLIE NOVACK

SHAMOKIN PA. LYONS HAS BEEN AWAY FROM INDIANAPOLIS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HAS

NO CRIMINAL RECORD HERE. DR. ISAAC C. HOLLINGER HAD SANITARIUM TWO MILES OUT

OF NEWBURGH UNTIL SIX OR EIGHT YEARS AGO WHEN MOVED SANITARIUM TO BOONVILLE

INDIANA. DR. HOLLINGER DIED BOONVILLE ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO AND HIS SANITARIUM

WHICH WAS CONDUCTED IN RESIDENCE CLOSED THEN AND NOW OCCUPIED BY RESPECTABLE

CITIZENS. DR. HOLLINGERS REPUTATION EXCELLENT. ONLY OLD FORT NEAR EVANSVILLE

INDIANA WAS AT CYPRESS BEACH VERY NEAR NEWBURGH LATTER PLACE BEING ABOUT TEN

MILES FROM EVANSVILLE. THIS OLD FORT RECALLED ONLY BY OLD TIMERS AND IS MERELY

A SMALL HILL WHERE SOME FRONTIER FORT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE ORIGINALLY EXISTED.

SUGGEST PORTLAND OFFICE ARRANGE CONTACT WITH VETERANS HOSPITAL SAWTELLE

CALIFORNIA SECURE FURTHER DETAILS RELATIVE LYONS.

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September 19, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: HERBERT F. CALLAHAN;  
JAMES P. MAHONEY;  
Miscellaneous-  
Unethical Activities.

The Bureau is in receipt of a report of Special Agent E. B. Fletcher dated at Boston, Massachusetts September 13, 1935.

The cooperation of the Boston Police Department has been secured by the Boston Bureau Office in an effort to determine the manner in which Attorney Callahan was apprised of the fact that William Elmer Meade was in the custody of the Northampton, Massachusetts Police Department. Efforts have been made to trace the incoming and outgoing teletypes which were exchanged by the Northampton and Boston Police Departments, but no information has been forthcoming as to a possible "leak" in the Boston Police Department.

Captain Flaherty of the Boston Police Department has advised that he has known Attorney Callahan since childhood; that they attended school together; and that knowing Callahan as he did he would say that it would be impossible to secure any information through Callahan. He further stated that Callahan, being a prominent criminal attorney in Boston, Massachusetts, often appears at the Boston Police Department for the purpose of aiding his clients immediately after they have been arrested. For this reason it appears that Callahan undoubtedly has personal contacts in the Police Department through whom he is advised of all important arrests.

You will recall that Attorney Callahan informed an Agent of the Boston Office that he, Callahan, got his information to the effect that Meade alias Carter was in the custody of the Northampton Police through one Frank Sweeney. There is an officer on the Boston Police Department known as Francis L. Sweeney. This party was interviewed and advised that he is one of four officers on the Narcotic Squad.

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of the Boston Police Department, and that his hours of duty are from 5:00 P.M. until midnight. He informed that he knows Herbert F. Callahan, and that he had come in contact with Callahan as a result of having cases in which Callahan represented parties who had been arrested by Sweeney. Sweeney denied any knowledge of the incoming and outgoing teletype messages that were exchanged which related to the apprehension of Meade alias Carter. He informed that he only faintly recalled having read in the newspapers news items concerning the arrest of William E. Meade at Northampton.

Sweeney's description is somewhat similar to that of Frank Sweeney who was referred to by Attorney Callahan. Agent Fletcher reports that Officer Sweeney appeared very sincere in declaring that he had had no contact with Attorney Callahan with regard to this matter, and that Sweeney appeared somewhat worried over the similarity in names in view of the fact that an investigation is being conducted by this Bureau.

The investigation is going forward in Boston, and you will be advised of later developments.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.



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SECTION SEATTLE AN OLD CIGARETTE CASE CONTAINING CARDS PAPERS NOTES AND DIAG

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STREET, SHAMOKIN, PA. AND 1032 OLIVER AVENUE, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. ONE PAPER

CONTAINS PRINTED NOTATIONS INDICATED AS HIDEOUTS AS FOLLOWS "DR. JOHN KERICK,

WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS, DOPE PEDDLER, HANGOUT FOR KARPIS, CAMPBELL AND MAHAN.

DOCTOR I C HOLLINGERS SANITARIUM, NEWBURGH, INDIANA, DOPE AND WHITE SLAVE

HIDEOUTS. OLD ARMY FORT 10 MILES FROM EVANSVILLE, INDIANA. MISTER WIGER,

COSHOCOTON, OHIO, HANGOUT FOR CRIME JOHN HAMILTON HIDEOUT."

CHICAGO INDIANAPOLIS AND CINCINNATI OFFICES REQUESTED ADVISE IF ANY PREVIOUS

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THROUGH INDIANAPOLIS ADDRESS AND WHETHER HE IS WANTED PERSON. PHILADELPHIA

REQUESTED CONDUCT SIMILAR DISCREET INQUIRY RE SHAMOKIN, PA. ADDRESS. LYONS

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 15, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Kidnaping Case

I am transmitting herewith a memorandum prepared by  
Supervisor K. R. McIntire, which discloses the evidence which  
this Bureau has developed against Cassius McDonald.

Respectfully,

E.A. Tamm

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Burlington Ia.  
Sept 21, 1935

Dear Sir:-

Replying to  
your letter of Sept. 19th  
The photograph of Charles  
P. Clouse, Alias Charles  
Adams is not the Charles  
Adams I have reference  
to. Walker C. Kimler,  
Alias, Charles Adams is  
under arrest in Los Angeles  
now. Enclosed clipping  
from local paper

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Respectfully

Officer Clarence C. Hartman

400 S. Garfield

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## LOCAL MAN IS HELD IN WEST

"Chas. Adams," Nabbed in  
Los Angeles, Identified As  
Walker C. Kimler

Under the name of Charles Thomas Adams, Walker C. Kimler formerly of Burlington, is under arrest in Los Angeles, California, in connection with a kidnaping and extortion charge, according to a telegram received last night by Harvey C. Jaeger, superintendent of the department of public safety, and Chief of Police Fred Machholz, from the sheriff at Los Angeles.

The local police, tipped that a suspicious California car was here a couple of weeks ago, wrote California authorities the license number and asked if the men in the car were wanted. Word came back to "arrest and hold," but the car had disappeared. Yesterday morning Chief Machholz and Police Captain Gitchel received a letter that the men were in custody and thanking local police for their interest in the matter.

In the meantime, local police were given information which led them to believe that "Adams", in whose name the car was licensed on the west coast, was Walker C. Kimler, former local resident, and their attention was called to the fact that the California car was here the night that the I. S. U. was robbed and possibly, the night that Lind's bakery was entered.

Following word yesterday that "Adams" and a companion were in custody in Los Angeles, Jaeger instructed the police chief to wire Los Angeles authorities to ascertain if the man was the former local resident and word came back last night that he is Kimler. The other man in custody there is Martin G. Bryant.

Jaeger announced today that he had been advised that photographs are on the way, and he dispatched an air-mail letter this morning requesting that Kimler be questioned about the local robberies.

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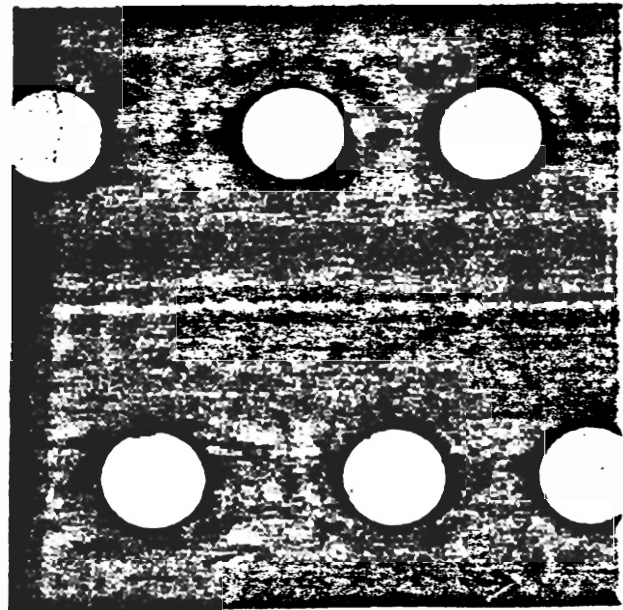
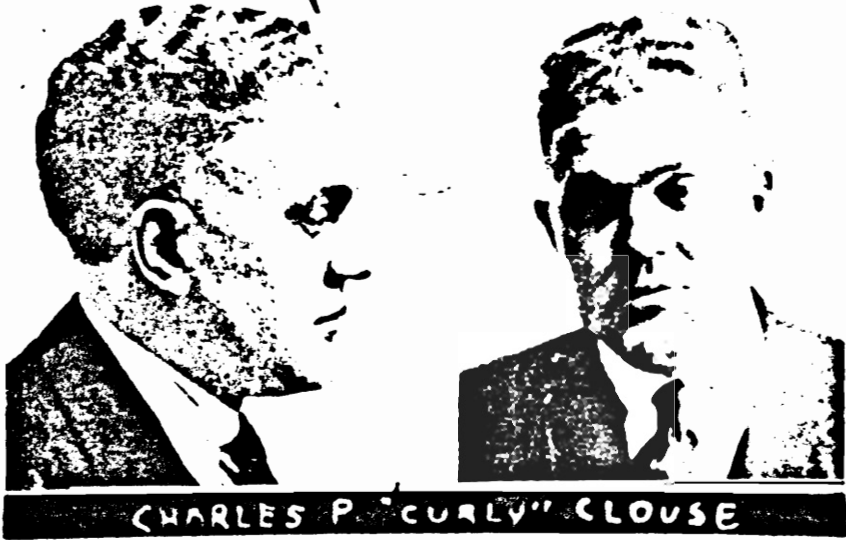
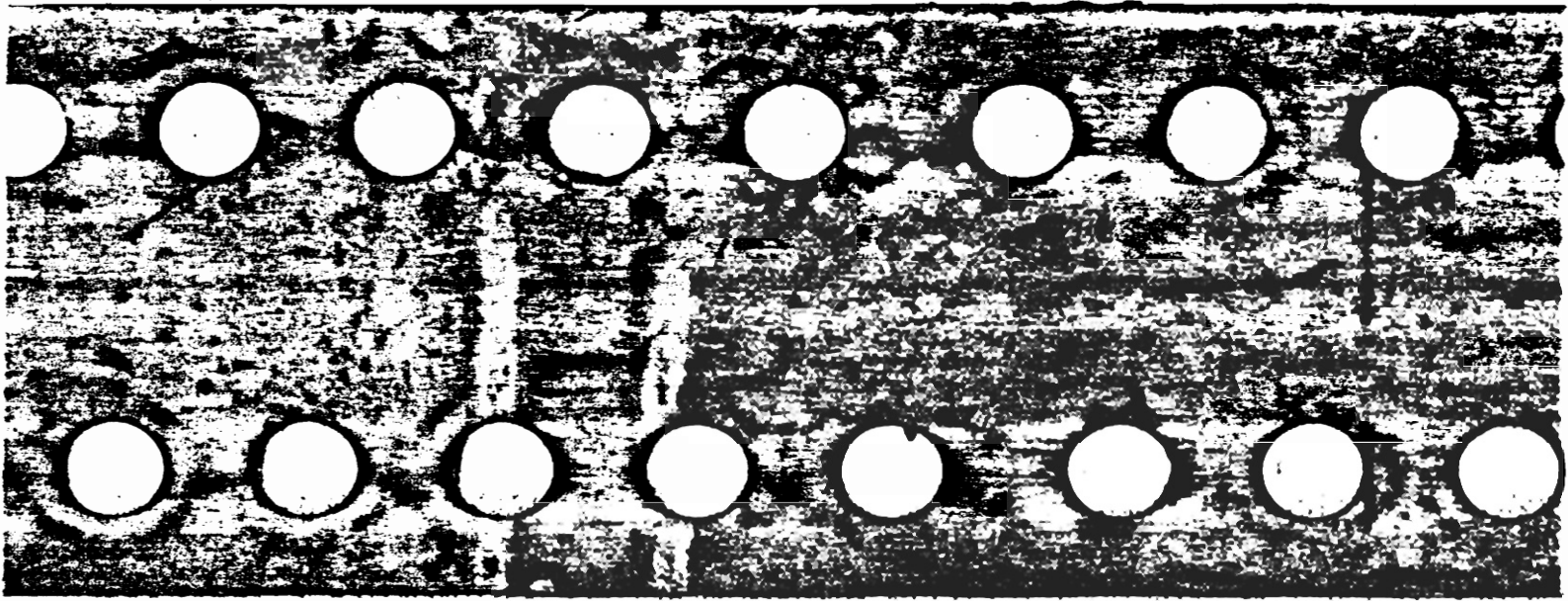
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REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Florida.	DATE WHEN MADE Sept. 23, 1935.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-12/19-35	REPORT MADE BY B. F. Fitzsimons
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218, FUGITIVE; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Joe Adams, Miami, Florida, admits negotiating with Gurante in October, 1934, for operation of restaurant and bar facilities at El Comodoro Hotel, but claims Gurante failed to assume the position as agreed and did not again contact Adams.  P.			
REFERENCE: Letter to Jacksonville Office dated New York City 9-7-35; and report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, New York City, 8-26-35.			
DETAILS: AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:  Under the pretext that Andrew Gurante was under investigation by the Bureau, and without disclosing the true purpose of the inquiry, Joe Adams was interviewed at El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, and offered the following information concerning his negotiations with Gurante:  Sometime during the latter part of September, 1934, Adams claims that Gurante called on him at the El Comodoro Hotel, stating that he had been referred to Adams by one F. K. Rickensacker who had suggested that Adams intended opening a bar in the El Comodoro Hotel and could possibly use Gurante, then unemployed. Mr. Adams stated that he had never met Gurante previously, and that during the course of their conversation Gurante claimed that he had been a resident of Jacksonville for the past ten or eleven years and that he had acted as manager for the Carling Hotel grill for a number of years prior to coming to Miami. Evidently,			
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Adams concluded, Gurante was possessed of a thorough knowledge of hotel, restaurant and bar operations and he agreed to employ Gurante. Under the terms of the agreement Gurante was to manage the bar and restaurant at the El Comodoro from the date of the opening throughout the season, until about May 1, 1935, at a weekly salary of \$15.00, and at the end of the season, if the bar and restaurant proved a financial success, Gurante was to receive a commission of twenty percent of the profits. Adams claims that Gurante advised him that he had written to several friends for reference and that they would possibly communicate with Adams concerning their acquaintance with Gurante and his ability. Under date of October 3, 1934, Adams received a letter, the original of which he exhibited to Agent, on stationery of the Carling Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida, over the signature of Dave Myerson, managing director of the Carling, in which Myerson stated that he had known Gurante for several years; had previously employed him at the Carling and believed Gurante capable of "handling a sporting type" of clientele such as frequents Miami during the season. Mr. Adams stated that the bar was to have opened on October 1, 1934, and on that date Gurante failed to appear. However, on October 2, 1934, Adams received a letter from Gurante, postmarked at Miami on stationery of the Halcyon Hotel, in which Gurante apparently enclosed newspaper clippings concerning himself. The following day when Gurante failed to appear, Adams called the Halcyon and was informed that Gurante was not in and later that day he claims he received a telegram from Gurante sent from Miami in which Gurante stated that his brother had died suddenly at Jacksonville and that he was going there immediately, but would return. Thereafter Adams heard nothing further from him and under date of October 12, 1934, Adams wrote to Gurante, returning the newspaper clippings Gurante had furnished and informing Gurante that he was disappointed in him for his failure to keep his bargain and for not advising Adams of his intentions. Adams claims to have received no reply to that letter and saw nothing of Gurante.

Mr. Adams stated that while Gurante made a nice appearance and evidently was experienced in the restaurant business, nevertheless he considered him shiftless; willing to accept a position such as would place him more or less before the public, but obviously without assuming any responsibility; talkative and very much impressed with himself. During the course of the conversation, Adams was asked if Gurante had agreed to operate a gambling concession for Adams in connection with the restaurant and bar, and Adams denied that any such negotiations were made. He also stated that he alone negotiated with Gurante, and that his father-in-law, Bob Knight, was not a party to the agreement. Some few days after the interview with Adams, Agent had occasion to talk with Bob Knight and he was questioned concerning Gurante, but denied ever having seen him or met him. He recalled that Adams had made a deal with a man to operate the bar and restaurant, but that the deal fell through when the man failed to appear.

Effort was made to locate F. K. Rickensacker, who formerly resided at 1721 Southwest Twelfth Street, Miami, Florida. However, he has moved from that address. He left no forwarding instructions and he has not registered a local or forwarding address with the Post Office at Miami. Mr. Adams stated that he knows Rickensacker, who occasionally drops in at the El Comodoro, and in event he is able to locate him, Adams will notify the local resident agent. Mr. Adams stated that Rickensacker formerly sold postal cards and novelties, but he does not know what business he is in now.

In the event Rickensacker is located at Miami he will be interviewed concerning his knowledge of Gurante's character and reputation.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-45 AM**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9-24-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9-21-22-23-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>H. K. MOSS.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases-I.O. 1218-FUGITIVE, Et Al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p>Patrick J. Lyons, not at 1662 Tioga Street, Shamokin, Pa., for past five years. Nellie M. Lyons, his wife, presently residing instant address. No criminal record on Lyons available at Shamokin, Pa. Lyons is veteran and has cashed bonus check at local bank, Shamokin, Pa. No suspicious strangers have frequented instant address. Reputation present occupants instant address good. Description of Lyons set out.</p>			
REFERENCE: Teletype from Portland Office dated 9-21-35.			
DETAILS: <p>The following is a joint report of Special Agent C. E. Pelletier and the writer.</p> <p><u>At SHAMOKIN, PA.</u></p> <p>The 1934-1935 City Directory of Shamokin, Pa., was searched and it was ascertained that Patrick J. Lyons is not listed. This directory reflects that Nellie M. Lyons presently resides at 1662 Tioga Street. A further search of the directory as far back as the year 1929 was made without finding that Patrick J. Lyons has resided at 1662 Tioga Street. Corporal William S. Bloom, Troop C, Pennsylvania State Police, Shamokin, R.F.D., #2, searched his records and advised that he was unable to locate any criminal record on Patrick J. Lyons. Bloom further advised that he had never heard of the name Patrick J. Lyons at Shamokin. In the absence of the Chief Burgess, Officer William Mayer, Shamokin Police Department, searched his records and advised that he was unable to locate any criminal record for Patrick J. Lyons. Mayer further advised that he was unacquainted with anyone named Patrick J. Lyons at Shamokin and that to his knowledge the 1662 Tioga Street address is presently occupied by a Polish family named Kovich who bear a good reputation.</p>			
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At the Shamokin Post Office, East Sunbury Street, Assistant Postmaster Raymond E. Long, 30 N. Sixth Street, Shamokin, advised that he was not personally acquainted with Patrick J. Lyons and after a search of the files, advised there is no record of a forwarding address at the Shamokin Post Office for Lyons.

On September 21, 1935, a thirty day mail cover was placed on all mail addressed to Patrick J. Lyons and Nellie M. Lyons, 1662 Tioga Street, Shamokin, Pa.

Joseph A. Kaseman, 13 N. Grant Street, Shamokin, who is a substitute mail carrier and has been delivering mail at 1662 Tioga Street, for the past two weeks, stated he was not personally acquainted with the occupants but stated positively that he had delivered no mail addressed to Patrick J. Lyons nor had he observed any stranger around the premises. From his limited recollection of the occupants, he advised that they are law abiding and suggested that contact be made with the regular mail carrier, one Tyson.

Timothy T. Tyson, 601 Kase Street, Shamokin, advised that he has been the regular mail carrier covering 1662 Tioga Street for the past two and one-half years; that he is not personally acquainted with Nellie M. Lyons; that the other occupants of the instant address are Mr. and Mrs. T. Novich (Novack), Stanley N. (a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Novich), Nellie M. Lyons, and Arlene Lyons, daughter of Nellie Lyons. Tyson stated that he has not noted the presence of any stranger at this address and further advised that he considers the Novick family to be of good reputation and law-abiding. Tyson further stated that one Schaffner formerly delivered mail at this address.

Richard Schaffner, 917 Walnut Street, Shamokin, stated that he has delivered mail at this address for about eighteen years, with the exception of the last two and one-half years. He recollects having seen Patrick J. Lyons at 1662 Tioga Street some twelve or fifteen years ago but was unable to furnish any description of him. He stated he would be unable to identify him at the present time. Schaffner stated he has been well acquainted with the entire Novich family and considers them law-abiding; that he does not recall delivering any mail at this address, addressed to Patrick J. Lyons;



that all mail was addressed to Nellie M. Lyons. Schaffner is of the opinion that Patrick J. Lyons has not been at this address or in the vicinity for the past twelve years. He advised also that Lyons was probably not married to Nellie Lyons in Shamokin, Pa., stating that he customarily received invitations to all weddings in families living on his route but he had not received any invitation to the Lyons wedding. Schaffner further stated that to his knowledge Lyons had no criminal reputation; also that the immediate neighborhood is composed of Polish families who are suspicious of all strangers, suspecting them to be Agents of the Alcoholic Tax Unit, inasmuch as there is considerable alcoholic activity among them. He recommends, however, that one Irene Burke, 1636 Tioga Street, an employee of the Federal Relief Administration at Shamokin, as being a reliable individual.

It was ascertained by telephonic communication with the Burke residence that Irene Burke was absent from Shamokin and would not return home for several days. In her absence, her sister, Regina Burke, a school teacher in the Coal Township Grade School, Shamokin, Pa., was personally contacted. She advised that she is well acquainted with Nellie M. Lyons and other members of the Novich family; that Nellie Novich and Patrick J. Lyons were married about seventeen years ago; that they have one daughter, Arlene Lyons, who is presently fourteen years of age; that Patrick Lyons lived with the Novich family at 1662 Tioga Street for approximately two years; that about twelve years ago he separated from Nellie Novich owing to some drunken brawl; that during the period of his residence in Shamokin he was employed by the Sharp Ice Cream Company as a driver; that he was not intimately acquainted with any men in the community; that he bears a reasonably good reputation although a heavy drinker, which fact probably caused the separation mentioned above; that she heard it rumored that Lyons had been arrested in front of the Reading Railroad Station, Shamokin, about twelve years ago on some minor charge, probably drunkenness, and indecent exposure; that about five years ago, Patrick J. Lyons returned to the Tioga Street address in company with an unknown stranger in order to secure his discharge papers then in the possession of his wife, Nellie, which papers were necessary in connection with his application for his veteran's adjusted compensation; that his wife refused to turn these papers over to Novich; that during his entire stay, which was for about five days, he did not gain entrance to the Tioga Street address. She recollected also that Lyons departed from Shamokin riding a freight train and she is positive he has never since that date returned to Shamokin; that the estrangement between Patrick and his wife, Nellie, is genuine; that it is highly improbable Nellie



knows of the present whereabouts of Lyons for the reason she recalls Nellie was unable to locate Lyons about two years ago in order to forward to him a telegram advising of his father's death. According to Miss Burke, Nellie Bears an excellent reputation in the community but she is presently, and has for the past eight years, been mentally incapacitated and seldom leaves the premises; that she has no male acquaintances; also, that there have been no strangers staying at 1652 Tioga Street, and that the Novich family is law-abiding. Miss Burke is positive there is considerable ill feeling between the Novich family and Patrick Lyons.

Some of the above facts were discreetly obtained by Regina Burke from her cousin Mary Omlar, 1640 Tioga Street, who is also well acquainted with the Novich family.

George F. Zimmerman, 400 E. Independent Street, constable of Coal Township, recollected that approximately five years ago, Patrick J. Lyons requested him, Zimmerman, to secure a certain discharge paper then in the possession of Nellie Lyons; that in accordance with this request, he went to the home of Nellie Lyons and after threatening to arrest her, she voluntarily turned over said discharge papers; that he recollects that with the assistance of J. H. Lawrence, vice-commander of the local Legion Post, Patrick Lyons made application for adjusted compensation. Zimmerman verified the information given above by Regina Burke with reference to payment of a portion of the proceeds of this check over to Nellie Lyons. He also verified the fact that Lyons both arrived at Shamokin and departed therefrom riding a freight train and had the appearance of being a hobo, as did his unknown companion. Other than the incident mentioned above, Zimmerman states the Novich family and Nellie Lyons enjoy a good reputation in the community. Zimmerman also recollected Lyons mentioned having been in some Veterans' Hospital prior to his return to Shamokin, which hospital is located in some Western State.

J. H. Lawrence, 803 E. Clay Street, vice-commander of the American Legion, Abraham Lincoln Memorial Post, Shamokin, and teller at the Guarantee Savings Bank and Trust Company, Shamokin, stated he is well acquainted with all past and present members of the local Legion Post; that he does not recollect Lyons was ever affiliated with the local Post but faintly recalls that about five years ago, an individual named Lyons requested assistance in filling out application blanks for bonus payments; that he also assisted Lyons to cash a Government check for his bonus at the above named bank. Lyons, however, was unacquainted with

the personal history of Lyons or the Kovich family.

William Bowman, Service Officer, Abraham Lincoln Memorial Post, Shamokin, searched the files in his office and advised that he could not locate any record of Patrick J. Lyons. He also informed that he was well acquainted with all past and present members of the local Post but was unable to recollect the case of Lyons. Bowman, at the request of Agents, also conducted a discreet inquiry among the various police members of the Post but was unable to develop any information concerning Lyons. He advised that C. C. Carle, an ex-officer of the Red Cross might have assisted Lyons in making application for bonus payments.

C. C. Carle, 432 W. Arch Street, presently employed as a Professor by the Shamokin Board of Education, stated he recollected the case of Lyons but was unable to furnish any information in addition to that set out above with reference to the bonus transaction. He stated that all local records of the Red Cross have been destroyed. Carle also stated that he has been employed by the Tharp Ice Cream Company for the past twelve years except for the last year; that he personally paid all employees of this ice cream company and, to the best of his knowledge, Lyons had not been an employee of this company.

Chester Tharp, 49 E. Independent Street, President of Tharp Ice Cream Company, searched his records but was unable to locate any employment record of Patrick J. Lyons. Tharp also called in several old employees, none of whom were able to recollect Lyons. Tharp advised, however, that the payroll records prior to the year 1923 have been destroyed.

On September 21, 1935, Agents arranged with Herbert Maurer, 76 N. Shamokin Street, a special delivery messenger employed by the United States Post Office Department, to deliver a special delivery registered letter, addressed to Patrick J. Lyons, 1662 Tioga Street, Shamokin, bearing a return address of F. G., 1416 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. In addition to this address, the letter bore the notation: "Deliver to Addressee Only".

In pursuance of this plan, Maurer attempted to make delivery of the letter on September 21, but was informed by Mrs. T. Kovich that the addressee did not reside at this address; that his present whereabouts were unknown to her; that Nellie M. Lyons, wife of the addressee, was temporarily absent but it was doubtful that if she were present she would have the address of Lyons. Mrs. Kovich, according to Maurer, displayed considerable interest in the letter, asking about the return address, which was given her. She still replied that she did not know the present address of Lyons. Maurer gave Mrs. Kovich the customary notice to call at the Post Office in the event the address of the addressee was obtained. No response has been made to

this notice. Maurer also attempted a second delivery on September 21, but obtained no additional information. Mrs. Novich again advised that she had no further information as to the present whereabouts of Lyons.

On September 23, 1935, Special Agent C. E. Pelletier, Philadelphia, represented himself to Mrs. T. Novich and her son, Stanley Novich, 1668 Tioga Street, as being from the Veterans' Bureau, for the purpose of obtaining more complete personal history of Veteran Lyons, suggesting that there would possibly be some cash payments to be made in the future. Mrs. Novich immediately advised that her daughter, Nellie, is the wife of Patrick J. Lyons but that it would be inadvisable to interview her on account of her mental state. Mrs. Novich advised that Lyons had separated from his wife, Nellie, about twelve years ago; that he has never contributed to the support of his wife or daughter, Arlene, 14, who is in her second year at high school; that Lyons has not been around Shamokin, Pa., for the past five years, having returned at that time in connection with certain bonus payments; that about two years ago, Nellie received a telegram advising of the death of Lyons' father but at this time she was unable to locate him. She stated also that on September 21, she received a special delivery letter and had to inform the Post Office messenger she did not know the present address of Patrick Lyons. (This is the special delivery letter mentioned above). Mrs. Novich advised also that Nellie and Patrick Lyons were married at Fort Hamilton, New York, and Lyons had been stationed as a soldier in the United States Army at Fort Hamilton, N.Y. On several occasions during this interview, Agent Pelletier noticed that Nellie Lyons was endeavoring to over-hear the conversation and that her antics appeared to be very queer. Mrs. Novich also complained that her daughter, Nellie, is unemployed and had refused to associate with anyone other than the immediate members of her family since her separation from Lyons. In response to further questions, Mrs. Novich stated that Dr. Peril was the last physician to treat Nellie for her mental condition.

Dr. Hyman H. Peril, 3 E. Sunbury Avenue, searched the files in his office and informed that he has no record of treating Nellie Lyons, under that name or under the name of Novich and stated he had been employed in a medical capacity by the Poor Board of Shamokin and, in that capacity, examined numerous mental cases of which he kept no record. He faintly recollected that he treated Nellie Lyons but was unable to furnish any specific information or diagnosis of her present mental condition.

The following description of Patrick J. Lyons was furnished  
by George F. Zimmerman, Constable.

Name	Patrick J. Lyons,
Age	40
Height	5'11"
Weight	140 - 150 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Sandy, brown.
Complexion	Sallow
Peculiarities	Shabbily dressed (probably a hobo)
Glasses	Wore reading glasses.
Relatives	Nellie E. Lyons, wife, 1662 Tioga Street, Shamokin, Pa. Arlene Lyons, daughter, 1662 Tioga Street, Shamokin, Pa.

By teletype dated September 23, 1935, the Philadelphia Office advised the Washington Field Office that Patrick J. Lyons was probably a World War veteran and had probably been stationed at Fort Hamilton, New York. This teletype was furnished the Washington Field Office with a resume of the facts upon which the instant investigation was predicated and requesting the War Department and the Veterans' Administration be immediately contacted to secure the last known address of Patrick J. Lyons.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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September 23, 1935

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218, et al -  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
KIDNAPING, etc.

On September 20, 1935, I referred to the  
Bureau's letter of the 12th instant, advising that two  
copies of a summary report prepared by Special Agent  
K. R. McIntire, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, April 10,  
1935, had not been received.

I now desire to advise that the above  
mentioned copies of this summary report were received Sep-  
tember 21, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*R. A. Alt*  
R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Jax #7-24

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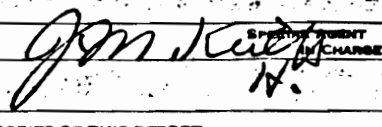
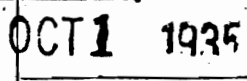
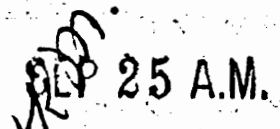
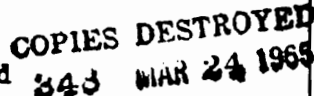
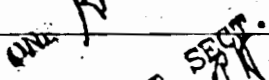
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FILE NO. 7-63

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-24-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-23-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. H. McKEE</b> <span style="float: right;">HEM:TC</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. #1235; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. #1239; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="text-align: center;">Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., has no further information concerning Dr. Joseph P. Moran. Flash has been placed in Dr. Moran's file.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><u>REFERENCE:</u> Report of Special Agent H. R. Duffey, Washington, D. C., dated 5-3-35.</p> <p><u>DETAILS:</u> <u>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</u></p> <p>Mr. H. W. Perry, Contact Division of the Veterans Bureau, after reviewing the file of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, being compensation file #A 4637439, advised that no correspondence had been had by the Veterans Administration with Moran since Special Agent H. R. Duffey called upon him and which information is set out in reference report. This file showed that there had been a flash placed therein for the Veterans Administration to immediately contact the Washington Field office in the event any letter or other information of any nature whatever was received.</p> <p>Mr. Perry further advised agent that, apparently, the main part of this file had been transferred to the Veterans Administration at Hines, Illinois, and that it would be advisable to have a flash placed in this file so that if Moran contacted the Veterans Administration at Hines, Illinois, the Department of Justice would be immediately notified.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="text-align: center;"></div>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE.

At Hines, Illinois, have a flash notice placed in the file of Dr. Joseph P. Moran in order that the Chicago Office may be immediately notified in the event any communication is had by Subject Moran, or anyone else, concerning him.

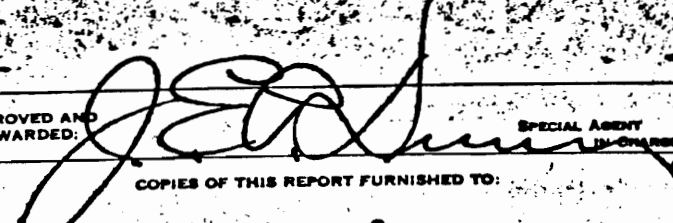
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REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-20-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/10, 18, 26 & 9-19-35	REPORT MADE BY: C. D. White
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, - FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: California license 5 Y 874 issued to Glen E. Smith, 2361 Cerritos Avenue, Long Beach, California, for 1927 Dodge Sedan, Motor No. S 15361. Smith employed for many years as night watchman for General Petroleum Corporation, Signal Hill, California. Inquiry discloses that Smith and car were absent from Long Beach, California, during August, 1935. Smith and car presently at Long Beach, California.			
REFERENCE: Telegram from the San Francisco office dated August 9, 1935.			
DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted at Long Beach, California, by Special Agent W. M. Bott and the writer:			
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O. E. WESSENBERG, 1111 Dawson Avenue, Long Beach, California, referred to in reference wire as legal owner of 1927 Dodge Sedan, Motor No. S 15361, California license 6 Y 874, advised that this car was purchased by GLEN B. SMITH, 2361 Cerritos Avenue, Long Beach, California, on August 10, 1934; that he did not know SMITH personally in that he only handled the paper on the car for W. J. WARD, 1427 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, California, used car dealer.

Mr. WARD, upon interview, advised that SMITH purchased this car on August 10, 1934, and his payments have been regular and were completed on August 10, 1935; that SMITH was formerly an oil worker, but has been for a number of years and is presently employed in the capacity of night watchman for the General Petroleum Corporation, Signal Hill, California; and that he gave as references:

BILL McLAIN, 2545 Walnut Street, Long Beach, California, and  
HARRY BABRAITH, 2225 Orange Street, Long Beach, California.

At 2379 Cerritos Avenue, the premises which adjoin the SMITH premises, the writer interviewed Mr. J. McILROY who advised that he has known SMITH for the past fifteen years; that SMITH was formerly an oil field worker, but has been for a number of years employed as a night watchman for the General Petroleum Corporation, Signal Hill, California; that SMITH owns the property at 2361 Cerritos Avenue; that he drives a 1927 Dodge Sedan, dark grey in color; that during the month of August, 1935, SMITH and his family left Long Beach in the car on a vacation and they recently returned to Long Beach; that it was his understanding that they travelled through the Middlewest to visit Mrs. SMITH's relatives; that the car has been seen daily by him, McILROY, entering and leaving the SMITH premises; that this car at the time of the writer's interview was in SMITH's garage. This, however, could not be determined by the writer in view of the fact that the garage was closed. Mr. McILROY stated that he was not advised as to the particular points visited by SMITH and his family in the Middlewest because he was not on speaking terms with the SMITHS.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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September 24, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please furnish this office at once with  
two hundred (200) copies of Identification Order  
No. 1236 - Harry Campbell with aliases.

Very truly yours,

*R. Whitley*  
R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-21-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-20-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. H. REINECKE</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I. O. 1236; WILLIAM J. HARRI- SON with aliases, I. O. 1239; et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Patrick J. Lyons has mother residing at 1032 Oliver Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, where also resides Lyons' cousin Mrs. Bridgett Dowdell. Mrs. Dowdell advises Lyons World War veteran, draws compensation, and has recently been in Government Hospital at Sawtelle, California. Lyons married to girl named Nellie Novack, Shamokin, Pennsylvania. Lyons has been away from Indianapolis for several years. Has no criminal record in Indianapolis. Dr. Isaac C. Hollinger had sanitarium two miles out of Newburgh, Indiana, until six or eight years ago when moved to Boonville, Indiana. Dr. Hollinger died Boonville about two years ago and his sanitarium which was conducted in his residence was then closed and is now occupied as residence by reputable citizens. Dr. Hollinger's reputation reputed to be excellent. Only old Fort ten miles out of Evansville might be one at Cypress Beach which is but a few miles from Newburgh, the latter city being about ten miles from Evansville, Indiana. It is merely reported that there was an old frontier Fort on a hill near Cypress Beach there being no buildings or other indication of a Fort at the present time. Director and Portland, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Philadelphia offices advised of above by teletype.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. H. Reinecke</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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3 Bureau 2 Cincinnati 2 St. Paul 2 Chicago 2 Portland 2 Philadelphia 3 Indianapolis		<b>7-576-7485</b> <b>SEP 25 1935</b> <b>OCT -2 1935</b> <b>25 A.M.</b> <b>COPIES DESTROYED 848 MAR 24 1965</b>	

REFERENCE:

Conference teletype from the Portland Office September 20, 1935, and conference teletype from Indianapolis Office to the Director and Portland, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Philadelphia offices September 21, 1935

DETAILS:

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Immediately upon receipt of reference teletype from the Portland Office a check of the city and telephone directories was made for Patrick J. Lyons without results.

The street address directory of the City Directory of Indianapolis for 1935 showed that a Mrs. Bridgett Dowdell resided at 1032 Oliver Avenue.

A check was made of all the Lyonses in the same City Directory to determine if there was one with such a name residing on Oliver Avenue. The following was found: "Kath. Lyons (Widow Dennis) residence 1032 Oliver Avenue."

The following investigation was made by Special Agent Bliss Morton:

Agent contacted Captain of Detectives Herman Rademacher and Desk Sergeant Griffin with reference to Patrick J. Lyons. Neither had any record of him, nor could they remember such a person. Sergeant Griffin stated that he knew of Lyons families in west Indianapolis, but none of them had been in worse difficulties than drunkenness. He found the name of Dennis Lyons on McKim Avenue.

Agent then called at 1032 Oliver Avenue, and the young woman with whom Agent talked stated she was Mrs. Dowdell. Agent asked for Pat Lyons, and she said he had not been around for years. She stated that she is Pat's cousin, and that Pat's mother lives with her, but the latter is old and feeble, and not in good health. Agent did not interview Mrs. Lyons. She stated she did not know where Pat is at present. She understood he was in Indianapolis a short time last winter, but did not know where he stayed. She believed one of his brothers, probably Dennis, saw him on the street or he visited Dennis. She

states he is a World War veteran, draws a pension, and has been in Government hospitals. She believes he was once in the Veterans Hospital at Danville, Illinois, about two years ago, but is not sure of the fact that it was at Danville. She is quite certain he has been in a Government hospital at Sawtelle, California. She also believes he was on the police force at Indianapolis some twelve or fourteen years ago. She states that he is married to a girl named Nellie Novack of Shamokin, Pennsylvania. She does not know Nellie's address in Shamokin, but states there is a daughter, now about twelve years old, named Arlene. Pat has deserted his wife. She believes his brother, Dennis, is presently in jail for being drunk, at Indianapolis; that Dennis would be most likely of his relatives to know his whereabouts; that he has another brother, Thomas, living in the neighborhood of 209 S. McKim Street; another brother, Mike, address unknown; and a sister, Mrs. Helen Froelich, 3211 E. Michigan, who might give information.

Agent called at 3211 E. Michigan Street, and interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Froelich on the pretext Agent was interested in the veteran's pension. They have not been in close touch with him for many years, but Mrs. Froelich was of the impression he was at the hospital at Sawtelle, California. She stated if Agent would phone her about Tuesday, she might possibly be able to furnish Pat's address. Agent presumes she hopes to obtain it from Dennis, in jail. She has no phone at home, but can be reached through a neighbor's phone, Cherry 0954.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent in Charge H. H. Reinecke:

At the time reference teletype was received from the Portland Office, no Agent was anywhere near the vicinity of Newburgh, Indiana, which is a town of between 1200 and 1400 population. A check was made of the 1934 Medical Directory which showed the following: "Isaac C. Hollinger, Boonville, Indiana, deceased. Death reported June 22, 1934."

Agent immediately communicated by long distance telephone with Mr. Henry H. Powell, the Postmaster at Newburgh, Indiana. He stated that Dr. I. C. Hollinger had operated a sanitarium about two miles out of Newburgh many years ago, but that Dr. Hollinger six or eight years ago had closed up this sanitarium and moved to Boonville, Indiana. Mr. Powell further stated that the sanitarium when it was near Newburgh was an old stone residence which has since been made over into a fine residence and is now occupied by respected citizens.

Mr. Powell stated that so far as he knew the reputation of Dr. Hollinger while in the vicinity of Newburgh was excellent.

Agent inquired of Mr. Powell with reference to an old Army Fort about ten miles out of Evansville, and near the city of Newburgh. He said that the only place which might answer such a description was a hill near Cypress Beach, Indiana, which is about two miles from Newburgh, the latter city being about ten miles from Evansville, Indiana. The Postmaster stated that it is reported that there was an old frontier fort on this hill many years ago, but there are now no buildings or any indications that there was such a fort. Mr. Powell stated that he is an elderly man but the fort was never located there during his life time.

A long distance telephone call was immediately had with Postmaster Edward R. Siegel, Boonville, Indiana. He stated that Dr. I. C. Hollinger moved to Boonville about six or eight years ago from Newburgh, Indiana. He opened a sanitarium in his residence. He stated that Dr. Hollinger died at Boonville about two years ago and the family has moved away. The residence which was used as a sanitarium has now again been turned into a residence and is occupied by respectable citizens.

According to Postmaster Siegel, Dr. Hollinger bore a good reputation in Boonville.

A summary of the above information was forwarded by teletype shortly after midnight of September 20, 1935, to the Bureau and the Portland, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Philadelphia offices. It was suggested that the Portland Office endeavor to secure more recent details relative to Lyons from the Veterans Hospital at Sawtelle, California.

In view of the facts developed as a result of the above inquiry no further investigation is deemed necessary at this point at this time.

Two copies of this report are being forwarded to interested offices so that one copy may be placed in the Bremer kidnaping file and the other in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping file. The Indianapolis Office is so filing copies of this report.

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PHONE. BREKID AND WEYNAP. REFERENCE PORTLAND TELETYPE PATRICK  
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FAMILY RESIDE 1662 TIOGA STREET SHAMOKIN, PA. LYONS  
SEPARATED FROM WIFE HAS NOT BEEN AT SHAMOKIN LAST FIVE YEARS.  
NO CRIMINAL RECORD AND NOT KNOWN TO BE WANTED SHAMOKIN. LYONS  
IS VETERAN AND USED TO RECEIVE BONUS CHECKS AT LOCAL BANK SHAMOKIN.  
DESCRIPTION OF LYONS. 45 YEARS 5 FEET 11 INCHES 140 LBS., SLENDER,  
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SEPTEMBER 23, 1935.

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DIRECTOR & SAC WASHINGTON FIELD

PHONE. BREKID AND WEYNAP. PATRICK J. LYONS WITH ADDRESSES 1662  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-20-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-16-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. W. ACERS - FP</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, With Aliases - Fugitive, I. O. #1218; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation disclosed C. V. Lee reputable person; A. J. Brown, son-in-law of Lee, percussionist, Anson Weeks Orchestra. Luggage apparently forwarded Los Angeles in contemplation of orchestral engagement October, 1935. Brown now in Chicago.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. D. White, Los Angeles, California, 9-11-35.			
DETAILS: <u>AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.</u>  Agent, accompanied by Special Agent John A. Cimperman, interviewed Mrs. Louis Mercier, owner of the property at 3155 Broderick Street, San Francisco, at which time she stated that C. V. Lee and his family have lived at this address for approximately three years. That he is employed by the Sherman Clay Company, Kearny and Sutter Streets, San Francisco, as a refrigerator salesman. Mrs. Mercier further stated that Mrs. A. J. Brown, whose husband is a percussionist in Anson Weeks' Orchestra, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Lee. She stated that she understood from the Lee family that Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown were presently in Chicago, Illinois, where the Anson Weeks Orchestra is playing an engagement and that it is expected that said Orchestra and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown intend going to Los Angeles in October of this year.  Mrs. Mercier described A. J. Brown as:			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John A. Cimperman</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7 1576 7488</div> <div style="text-align: right;">SEP 25 1935 OCT 1 - 1935</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">SEP 25 A.M.</div>	
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Age	30 years
Height	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Brown
Nationality	American (Thought to have been born, Placerville, California.)

Mrs. Mercier, at this time, examined photographs of subject Karpis, but stated that it was not A. J. Brown, although there was a slight similarity.

Mr. G. V. Lee was interviewed at his place of business, Sherman Clay Company, Kearny and Sutter Streets, San Francisco, at which time he corroborated the statements made by Mrs. Mercier. Mr. Lee stated that he did not know the exact time the Anson Weeks Chicago engagement would terminate, nor did he know where his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown would stay upon arrival in Los Angeles; neither did he know the place at which the orchestra was playing in Chicago, but stated that reference to any Chicago paper would furnish this information.

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PHONE. BREKID. TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF WOMEN AT TOLEDO INDICATES THEY [REDACTED] TO GO THROUGH TODAY. THEY ARE EXPECTING TO TELEPHONE OUR INFORMANT AT CHICAGO TODAY AS TO WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR. INFORMANT AT CHICAGO [REDACTED] AS PER PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WHICH SHOULD ARRIVE TODAY. WE LOCATED PLACE OF PREVIOUS CONTACT WHICH FAILED LAST WEEK AND NO ONE HAS APPEARED THERE AND HOUSE IS VACANT. THINGS SHOULD START DEVELOPING TODAY.

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September 24, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: ~~Mr. [illegible]~~

Dear Sir:

Re: WILLIAM DAINARD, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1252-A, et al;  
GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING - EXTORTION.  
Bureau file 7-1367.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
Bureau file 7-576.

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1233, et al;  
MRS. ALICE SPEED STOLL, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
Bureau file 7-1128.

The Bureau desires to again emphasize its previous instructions to the effect that the investigation of the above entitled cases and all leads in connection therewith be given prompt, vigorous and preferential attention by all field offices. In all instances where it appears practicable and desirable, leads should be set forth by teletype or telephone.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 18, 1935

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1218, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
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Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
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Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

The report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated September 12, 1935, on page 7, discloses that a confidential informant of the Chicago Office, [REDACTED] has obtained information from Edith Barry, Toledo contact for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, to the effect that Dr. Joseph P. Moran is presently hiding out in Guadalupe, Mexico, which town is located in the mountains near Mexico City, Old Mexico. Edith Barry has also disclosed to [REDACTED] that "the boys", meaning Karpis and Campbell, are out to "get" Dr. Moran, since he has absconded with \$20,000 of their money.

Reports have been current to the effect that Doc Moran is dead, and you will recall that Volney Davis has informed Bureau Agents that Moran was killed in Toledo, Ohio by Doc Barker and Russell Gibson, at which time his body was thrown into Lake Erie. You will also recall, however, that information furnished by Jimmie Wilson was to the effect that the last time Wilson and Doc Barker saw Moran was in Detroit, Michigan at a night club, at which time Moran was associating with a woman and had two transportation tickets in his possession; that at that time Moran told Wilson and Doc Barker that he had two tickets and was going some place far away and would not tell anyone where he was going. For this reason credence is loaned to the information obtained by [REDACTED] from Edith Barry.

For the reasons outlined above, it is suggested that Special Agents C. R. Davis and J. C. White, of the San Antonio Office, be assigned to this matter in an effort to locate [REDACTED]

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Doc Moran at the above mentioned point in Old Mexico. This suggestion is predicated upon the assumption, however, that Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones of the San Antonio Office can make proper arrangements through the Mexican police for the admission of said Agents into Mexico and permission to conduct such an investigation.

If the above suggestion meets with your approval, proper arrangements will be made through the San Antonio Office to cover this matter.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. Gus T. Jones,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,  
San Antonio, Texas,

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell have a known contact in Toledo, Ohio, by the name of Edith Barry, who is the operator of several houses of prostitution in Toledo. It is reported that Karpis and Campbell were harbored by Edith Barry in Toledo, Ohio, immediately after they escaped from the police in Atlantic City on January 20, 1935.

For your information, Edith Barry is a close associate of Ted and Bert Angus who operate the Casino Club. Investigation has disclosed that members of the Karpis - Barker gang spent a considerable portion of their time at the Casino Club during the summer of 1934.

Information has also come into the possession of the Bureau that while Karpis and Campbell were being quartered at a place owned and operated by Edith Barry in Toledo, Ohio, their seals were brought to them by one Green, a taxi driver who is the husband of one Annie Smith, the latter being a check room girl at the Casino Club.

The Chicago Office has developed a confidential informant.

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Confidentially informed that Edith Barry recently advised him that Dr. Joseph P. Moran is presently hiding out in Guadalajara.

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Mexico, which town is located in the mountains near Mexico City, Mexico. Edith Barry has also disclosed to [redacted] that "the boys", meaning Karpis and Campbell, are out to "get" Dr. Moran since he has absconded with \$20,000.00 of their money. b7c b7d

The Bureau desires that the San Antonio Office immediately make proper arrangements for the admission of Agents into Mexico and permission to conduct an investigation in the town of Guadalupe, looking towards the apprehension of Dr. Joseph P. Moran. You are authorized to assign Special Agents C. A. Davis and J. C. White to conduct this investigation. Please advise the Bureau immediately as to whether proper arrangements can be made with the Mexican authorities so that the Agents may be entitled to proceed to Guadalupe for the purpose of conducting this investigation. The Bureau also desires to be kept currently advised as to the developments in this investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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September 21, 1935.

DIRECTOR SACS CHICAGO PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS CINCINNATI  
PHONE. BREKID AND WEYNAP REFERENCE PORTLAND TELETYPE PATRICK J.  
LYONS. WIFE OF LYONS THEIR 15 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER AND WIFE'S FAMILY  
RESIDE 1662 TIOGA STREET SHAMOKIN PA. LYONS SEPARATED FROM WIFE  
HAS NOT BEEN AT SHAMOKIN LAST FIVE YEARS. NO CRIMINAL RECORD AND  
NOT KNOWN TO BE WANTED SHAMOKIN. LYONS IS VETERAN AND USED TO RE-  
CEIVE BONUS CHECKS AT LOCAL BANK SHAMOKIN. DESCRIPTION OF LYONS  
45 YEARS 5 FT 11 IN 140 LBS SLENDER SANDY BROWN HAIR SALLOW COM-  
PLEXION READING GLASSES SHABBILY DRESSED REPUTED HOBO. CONTINUING  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

FILE NO. **7-43**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9-24-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9-18-19-20-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W. L. BUCHANAN C.E.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1238; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="float: right; text-align: right;">  </div> <p>The hotel register New Dennison Hotel, Cincinnati, O. reflects Mrs. J. W. Osborne registered at 10:00 P.M. Jan. 10, 1935, and was assigned Room 714. Placed two long distance calls on Jan. 11, 1935 to Toledo and Columbus, O. Checked out of hotel on Jan. 12, 1935, leaving no forwarding address. Postmaster R. M. Swank, Trotwood, O. advises Mamie M. Vaniman Trotwood, O. is of good character and a highly respected lady of that community. Mr. Charles C. Vaniman husband of Mamie Vaniman states he purchased lots 12 and 13, Harbor Oaks Addition near Daytona Beach, Fla., in 1925.</p>			
REFERENCE:  Report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Ill., dated 9-12-35; letter from Cincinnati Office to S.A.C. Connelley, Chicago, dated 9-13-35.			
DETAILS:  <b>AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.</b>  Agent contacted Mr. L. G. Lyon and C. K. Lyon, brothers, who are clerks at the New Dennison Hotel, 716 Main St., Cincinnati, Ohio. The Lyon brothers checked the Hotel register from November 1, 1934 until March 1, 1935, in an effort to ascertain if Mrs. Jane or J. W. Osborne had registered at the hotel.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>E. Connelley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <b>7-576-7493</b>  <b>SEP 25 P.M.</b>  ROUTED TO: <b>STAT SECT</b> FILE	
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The register reflected that Mrs. J. W. Osborne registered at 10:00 P.M. on 1-10-35 from Toledo, Ohio and was assigned to Room 714, at a rate of \$2.00 per day. The records further reflect that on 1-11-35 Mrs. Osborne placed a long distance telephone call to Frank West, phone number Adams 2161, Columbus, Ohio, but was unable to get Frank West and talked to a Mrs. Cline. The amount of this call being \$1.70 plus 10% service charge, total \$1.87. It should be noted that Mr. Frank West is in charge of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the State of Ohio at Columbus, and is known to Agents of this Office. The records further reflect that Mrs. Osborne placed another long distance telephone call to the Clerk of the Lucas County Court at Toledo, Ohio, phone number Main 3237, amount of call \$1.55 plus 10% service charge, total \$1.71. The Hotel records show no other calls being placed by Mrs. Osborne while registered there.

The records further reflect that Mrs. Osborne checked out of the Dennison Hotel on 1-12-35 but does not show the time of her departure from the hotel.

Agent showed pictures of various individuals contained in this file to the Lyon brothers but they were unable to identify any of the individuals as having ever stopped at the Dennison Hotel. They were also shown the pictures of Myrtle Eaton and William Weaver but were unable to identify Myrtle Eaton as being the Mrs. Osborne who was registered there on 1-10-35.

#### AT TROTWOOD, OHIO.

Agent contacted Mr. R. M. Swank, Postmaster, Trotwood, Ohio. Postmaster Swank stated that he had been Postmaster at Trotwood, Ohio for the past 27 years; that he has known Mrs. Mamie M. Vaniman for the past 35 years; that she was married to Charles C. Vaniman and they had two grown children; that the Vaniman family were highly respected citizens in that community and that Mr. Vaniman was the Ford Agent at Trotwood and had been, since 1914.

Agent contacted Mr. Charles C. Vaniman at the Ford Agency in Trotwood, Ohio. Mr. Vaniman stated that he bought two lots in October, 1925, numbers 12 and 13, in the Harbor Oaks Addition which is located between the Dixie and Indian Rivers near Daytona Beach, Florida; that at the time he bought these lots real estate was cheap in Florida and he bought them as an investment and placed them in his wife's name on the tax roll in Florida. Mr. Vaniman stated that he had had several inquiries from different individuals who wanted to buy these lots but as he had not been offered a fair profit he had never considered selling them. Mr. Vaniman further stated that on 7-12-35 he received a letter from J. W. Osborne, Post Office Box 321, Port Orange, Florida, which reads as follows:

Port Orange, Fla.  
July 12 - 35

Mr. Chas. Vaniman  
Trotwood, Ohio.

"I'm writing you in regards to the two lots 12-13 which you own in Harbor Oaks, Fla. If you are interested in selling write me.

"Of course you know that the "boom" is over and Fla. Real Estate is not what it use to be.

"If your price is low enough I will buy, so quote me your lowest figure.

Yours Respt.  
(signed) J.W.Osborne,  
Box 321 Port Orange, Fla.

Mr. Vaniman stated that he had no use for this letter and turned it over to this Agent. This letter is being forwarded to the Chicago Office with copies of this report. Mr. Vaniman further advised that he had received a letter about the first of the year from some individual in Pennsylvania, making inquiry of these two lots but he couldn't remember the name of the party and was unable to locate this letter.

Mr. Vaniman stated that this was the only communication he had from J. W. Osborne and that he couldn't remember answering this letter. He was unable to find a copy of same, and he did not know J. W. Osborne. He was unable to identify the pictures of William Weaver or Myrtle Eaton.

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September 21, 1935.

Time-10:56 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: Alvin Karpis; New York Investigation.

Mr. Keith telephoned me from New York City and reported that he had been checking the information submitted by Scaffa. His preliminary survey of the town of Coscob, Connecticut, where Karpis and three companions were reported to be living, revealed that it is a very small place between Greenwich and Stamford, Connecticut. Mr. Keith made a contact with the postmaster at Coscob whose family has lived there for several generations and Mr. Keith learned without open investigation that all the strangers and rented cottages in the town proper could be eliminated from suspicion. However, several rural routes presented possibilities. Mr. Keith stated, particularly along the Mianus river. Mr. Keith had again contacted Scaffa and the latter is attempting to get in touch with the informant again and feels certain he will reach him by Monday, September 23.

The tip regarding the "Black and Tan" joint which Karpis and his friends were supposed to frequent seemed without foundation as Mr. Keith stated that there were no such places nearby, the nearest approach to such a place being Layton's Halfway House which employs colored waiters, but at which place there is no co-mingling of white and colored guests. Mr. Keith expressed the opinion that the information furnished is either false or is something that might have occurred months ago. It is Mr. Keith's plan when he meets the informant to take the informant up to Coscob in a private car and have the informant point out the places referred to.

In connection with this case, Mr. Keith inquired whether the names, James Hishrod and James Fisher figured in the case in any way. Two parties by these names had been located at 98 River Road in Coscob and while Mr. Keith knew that neither one was Karpis or Campbell, he thought they might possibly have some connection. I stated that I was not familiar with those names and Mr. Tamm, whom I called, also was not familiar with the names, but I informed Mr. Keith that the files would be checked.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Backus  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>Atlanta, Georgia.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-23-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-13-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>William F. Mehler</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Dr. Charles Fishburne, Darien, Georgia, stated that neither of the two individuals resembled the photographs of Karpis and Campbell. A. S. Poppell, Sheriff of McIntosh County, Darien, Georgia, stated that the younger man resembled Karpis but neither of the two resembled Campbell. Fred Stebbins, Darien, Georgia, refused to commit himself in respect to identification.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: Letter from Jacksonville Office, August 27, 1935.			
DETAILS: <p>This investigation is predicated upon information received by the Jacksonville Office from the Chief of Police, Jacksonville, Florida, who advised that on August 12, 1935, he had received a Western Union telegram from Darien, Georgia, quoted as follows: "Gray LaSalle Coupe just left this place two men both brace revolvers". Signed: "Citizens"; that the telegram was followed by an anonymous letter dated August 20, 1935, from the author of the telegram which contained a description of the two men mentioned in the telegram and also a statement by the writer to the effect that he had seen the picture of one of the men in the newspapers. The writer further requested that he be supplied with a picture of Karpis in order that he might effect a possible identification.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT DARIEN, GEORGIA.</u></p> <p>Dr. Charles Fishburne advised that he was the author of the anonymous letter and telegram and further stated that on August 12, 1935, two men had driven up to the Stebbins Drug Company in a 1935 model LaSalle Coupe, gray in color, and with New Hampshire tags; that they had gotten out of the car, had entered the drug store where they asked for a drink of water and also purchased some cigars. Dr.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <b>W.A. Rorer</b>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Fishburne stated that he had paid particular attention to the heavier of the two men because of his robust build which contrasted so strangely with the pallor of his complexion, that he noticed that both these individuals were armed with two guns and had the appearance of being thugs. He also stated that he was quite sure that he had seen the heavier and older of the two men pictured in the newspapers and that he had the happy faculty of never forgetting a face once he had seen it. Agent exhibited to Dr. Fishburne photographs of Karpis and Campbell and he immediately declared that the photographs were not likenesses of either of the individuals in question.

The following descriptions of the two men were furnished by Dr. Fishburne:

Name	Unknown
Age	43 years
Height	5' 7"
Weight	175
Build	Tendency toward stoutness
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Steel gray
Complexion	Pallid anemic
Other characteristics	Very straight nose; large ears well up on the side of the head. Foreign looking in appearance.

Name	Unknown
Age	27
Height	5' 9"
Weight	140
Build	Medium
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond - wavy
Complexion	Fair

Dr. Fishburne further stated that Fred Stebbins, Stebbins Drug Company and A. S. Poppell, Sheriff of McIntosh County, were in the drug store at the time of the two mens appearance.

Dr. Fishburne stated that Sheriff Poppell, although a fine man, is rather a poor Police officer in his opinion in that he did not make any attempt to notify the Police of the presence of these two men and that he, Dr. Fishburne, felt it his duty as a good citizen to take proper action. Agent advised Dr. Fishburne that in the event similar circumstances occurred he should notify Chief J. E. Register of the Brunswick Police Department who is known to be a capable and efficient Police official. Dr. Fishburne also stated that he had made no notation of the license number of the car and also that he had no idea where the car had come from save it had come from a Northerly direction. He further stated that it continued on its way toward Brunswick.

A. S. Poppell, Sheriff of McIntosh County, stated that he reputed the appearance of the two men who appeared at the drug store and verified Dr. Fishburne's statement in respect to the presence of weapons upon the persons. He further stated that the poorer of the two men had indicated that they had come from up North and had made one hundred twenty miles per hour on the road. Agent exhibited to Sheriff Poppell the photographs of Karpis and Campbell and he stated that in his opinion the younger of the two men resembled Karpis but that neither of the two individuals resembled Campbell. At this point it is deemed pertinent to state that in Agent's opinion Dr. Fishburne is a very intelligent individual and preference should be given to his statements rather than to those of Sheriff Poppell.

Fred Stebbins, Clerk in Stebbins Drug Company, stated that he had not observed the two men very closely and did not care to venture an opinion as to their possible identification as Karpis or as Campbell.

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**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

**WASHINGTON**  
**September 25, 1935**

Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington.

**My dear Sir:**

I am enclosing herewith, for your information and such attention as might be deemed appropriate, copy of a communication from the Operative in Charge of our Jacksonville, Florida, office together with the original letter to which he makes reference from one Morris Hermer, 660 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida, regarding Charles Edwin Barr and Alvin Karpis.

Yours very truly,

**Acting Chief**

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Hon. W. H. Moran,  
Chief,  
Secret Service Division,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith original letter from one  
MORRIS HERMER, 660 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida,  
which is self-explanatory. This for your information and  
such action as you deem advisable.

Respectfully,

*James H. Beary*  
James H. Beary,  
Operative in Charge.

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660 Central Ave.,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.  
Sept. 18th, 1935.

Mr. James H. Beary,  
P.O. Box # 4853,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Sir: -

A few days ago, I called on Mr. W. C. Crumley in Tampa. He advised me that Mr. Kilner could be located at Bradenton so I wired immediately, % Western Union. The following day I was notified that the wire had not been called for. In the meantime, your letter was received.

There are two matters to discuss. One applies to Charles Edwin Barr and the other is regarding Alvin Karpis. While working out of Cincinnati not long ago, this information was secured and it may prove very beneficial to you.

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If you find this information profitable to your office, I will be very willing to go thru these particular sections with one of your men and point out all details.

I have worked on the Bob Zwigg and Dago Rose cases out of the Sheriff's office in Cincinnati. Zwigg was found in Toledo & sentenced for life & Rose was sentenced at Marysville,

Ohio. Both were difficult cases.  
We'll await your reply  
regarding the steps you want  
me to take in outlining fur-  
ther information.

Respectfully yours

Morris Hermer.

10/3/35  
Mr. H. Hermer  
SAC Jackson  
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660 Central Ave.,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.,  
Sept. 18th., 1935.

Mr. James H. Beary,  
P. O. Box #4853,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

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Morris Hermer.

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October 3, 1935

Mr. W. H. Moran,  
Chief,  
Secret Service Division,  
Treasury Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. J. E. Murphy,  
Acting Chief.

Dear Sir:

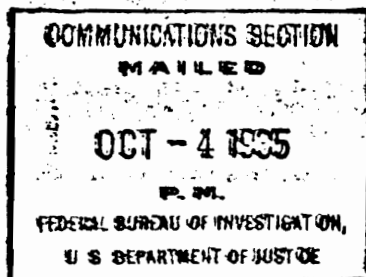
I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 25, 1935, in which you enclosed a letter dated September 18, 1935 from Morris Hermer, 660 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida, purporting to contain information of value with regard to the location of Alvin Karpis.

Please be informed that the information contained in Mr. Hermer's letter has been transmitted to the proper field office of this Bureau and will receive immediate attention.

Thanking you again for calling this matter to my attention, I remain

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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October 3, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Mr. J. E. Murphy, Acting Chief, Secret Service Division,  
U. S. Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., under date of  
September 25, 1935 furnished this office with a letter directed  
to Mr. James M. Hoary, P. O. Box 4355, Jacksonville, Florida, by  
Harris Kerner, 680 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida, dated  
September 18, 1935. A copy of the letter from Mr. Kerner is being  
furnished to the offices receiving a copy of this letter. You  
will observe in Mr. Kerner's letter of September 18th that he  
advised Alvin Karpis might be located at one of the three following  
places:

On the outskirts of Hamilton, Ohio -  
Ironton, Ohio and  
A point on the Ohio and Indiana border.

The Jacksonville Office is requested to immediately inter-  
view Mr. Kerner, in an effort to obtain some specific information  
along this line and to set out appropriate leads which might warrant  
attention by interested offices.

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure No. 601008  
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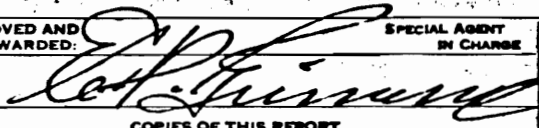


# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-5

REPORT MADE AT <b>Denver, Colo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/23/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/18, 19/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. B. SHILEY</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases--FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -- Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING -- HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -- NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Dan Tubbs now residing 128 West F St., Casper, Wyo. Tubbs was temporarily absent from Casper on 9/19/35, the date Agent was in Casper. A. W. Westbrook, Midwest, Wyo., interviewed concerning story he circulated mentioned in reference report. Description given by Westbrook not that of Karpis.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, 8/2/35. Report of Special Agent J. B. Shiley, Denver, 9/9/35.			
DETAILS:  <p><u>AT CASPER, WYO.</u>  Agent interviewed Mrs. J. Tubbs, Tubbs Hotel, and she stated that her son, Dan Tubbs, lived at 128 West H Street, Casper. Investigation at that address in the neighborhood disclosed that Dan Tubbs lived at 128 West F Street. He was not at home when Agent called and Mrs. Dan Tubbs stated that Tubbs was not in Casper at that time but would return in a few days. She advised that she did not know where he was, and as it was necessary for Agent to leave Casper, Tubbs will be interviewed at a later date.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:   SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>7 576- 7497</span> <span>SEP 26 1935</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</span> <span>OCT 1 1935</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           3 - Bureau            2 - Cincinnati            1 - El Paso            1 - Chicago            1 - St. Paul            2 - Denver         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>STAT. SECT.</p> <p>SEP 26 A.M.</p> </div> </div>		

Sheriff R. Jack Allen and Captain William Miller, Casper Police Department, were both absent from Casper on the date Agent was in that vicinity.

Deputy Sheriff Robert Owens advised that he had no new information concerning Karpis and Campbell and that apparently the information secured by the writer from him which is set out in reference report of the writer was false.

George Stine, Special Agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, was also out of town on the date the writer was in Casper and he will be interviewed at a later date concerning his conversation with Mat Goad.

AT MIDWEST, WYO.

Agent in company with Deputy Sheriff John Buckmaster interviewed A. W. Westbrook, Sinclair Producing and Refining Company, Station No. 15, and he stated that he was the party who circulated the rumor that Karpis and Campbell accompanied by "Red" Fonda were at Midwest in late May or early June, 1935. Westbrook is personally acquainted with Campbell, according to the information previously secured by the writer before in an interview with him.

Westbrook's description of Campbell was accurate, but he supplied the following of Karpis: age, 25-28; height, about 5'9"; weight about 170-180; build, heavy set; eyes dark; hair dark; complexion, swarthy; dressed in brown suit, large light grey Stetson hat, and cowboy boots.

Westbrook also stated that John Hamilton accompanied Fonda, Karpis and Campbell on that date and that the Bureau was mistaken in their identity of Hamilton when the press issued a statement that he had been found dead.

It seems apparent that Westbrook has fabricated this story and it appeared to the writer that Westbrook was somewhat of a "magazine detective".

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER OFFICE: At Casper, Wyoming, will interview Dan Tubbs, 128 West F Street and question him regarding his association with Karpis and Campbell when he, Tubbs, was living at Alcova, Wyoming and vicinity. The request for this interview was set out in reference report of Agent Hansen.

Will keep in touch with Sheriff R. Jack Allen and Captain William Miller for any material developments.

Will interview George Stine, Special Agent C. B. & Q. Railroad, to ascertain whether anything of value was secured in his interview with Mat Goad and whether an interview by an Agent of the Bureau with Goad would be advisable.

PENDING

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
September 24, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, wa - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau letter dated July 27, 1935, there are transmitted herewith copies of the following letters:

(1) Letter addressed to Dolores DeLaney who is presently confined in the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, from her brother, Robert DeLaney.

(2) Letter addressed to Wynona Burdette, who is presently confined in the Federal Detention Home at Milan, Michigan, from her sister, Eunice Hughes.

Very truly yours,

*D. L. Nicholson*

D. L. Nicholson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-St. Paul  
Chicago  
Cincinnati

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Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dolores

I received your letter yesterday and was sure glad to hear from you.

I'm going over to see little Ray tomorrow

Dolores I would like to send you more than a dollar but I just can't this time but may be I will be able to send you a little more in my next letter.

Boy, I sure know what it is to go without cigarettes, it sure is tough.

I will have an extra day coming on my next pay because I am working sunday.

Mother was going to come here wednesday but she didn't come as yet. I am going to see Babe & Jean when I go to see little Ray.

Well now how are you getting along and are you well or what.

Gee Dolores I can hardly wait till I see you again. It won't be so long now.

The only way to do is forget how long it is and be a good girl and it won't be so long then.

Well Dolores say hello to all your friends for me.

I will close now as I want to get this in the next mail.

So always remember you have a brother thinking of you.

And be seeing you soon.

Bud

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 25, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218, ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Please furnish this office with six copies of the  
most recent photographs available of all subjects in this  
case, particularly of:

Gladys Sawyer  
Harry Sawyer  
Alvin Karpis  
Harry Campbell

William Weaver  
Myrtle Eaton  
Wynona Burdette  
Byron Bolton

Dr. William Moran

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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November 7, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In keeping with the request contained in your  
letter of recent date, I am transmitting to you herewith  
six copies each of the photographs of the following persons:

Gladys Sawyer  
Harry Sawyer  
Alvin Karpis  
Harry Campbell

William Weaver  
Myrtle Eaton  
Wynona Burdette  
Byron Bolton

Dr. Joseph P. Moran

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #676483

cc-St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

September 24, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive;  
I. O. #1218, et al; Edward George  
Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping.

The following are the developments in the above case  
for the week ending September 21, 1935.

Arrangements having been made by Agents of the Chicago  
office, [redacted] proceeded to Toledo, Ohio, where  
he contacted Edith Barry on September 19, 1935. [redacted]  
For  
unknown reasons Karpis and Campbell did not show up, although  
[redacted]

Arrangements are now being made for another contact  
and it is anticipated that within the next few days a contact  
will be made, at which time [redacted]

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*  
K. R. McIntire.

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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. COMPLAINT FILED MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA TODAY AGAINST  
CASSIUS McDONALD CHARGING CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE ACT 6-22-32 SPECIFICALLY  
THAT ON 9-10-34 HE EXCHANGED 72,000 DOLLARS OF ORIGINAL RANSOM MONEY.  
WARRANT ISSUED AND RETURNED UNEXECUTED. CERTIFIED COPY FORWARDED USA  
DETROIT BY USA ST PAUL TODAY. BOND SET AT \$100,000 RETURNABLE FORTHWITH.  
DETROIT REQUESTED APPREHEND.

H.E. ANDERSEN

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NAME OF COURSE \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME OF STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TIME SPENT ON THIS ENTIRE ASSIGNMENT SHOULD BE INDICATED HERE \_\_\_\_\_ MRS. (FIRST PAGE ONLY).

WRITE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER.

Sept. 23/1935

✓  
 Mrs Edgar Hoover,  
 Bureau of Investigation,  
 Washington, D.C.  
 Dear Sir: -

~~ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION~~  
~~KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED~~

I am writing to inquire if one of your men communicated with me under the name of Ralph Shessa of Purdue University. At any rate I am sure such a one and if he isn't a 'B' man then the "works" are "wide open" - if he could translate the letter correctly.

In it I wanted to warn you that "they" are keen and suspect that something is in the wind, if my surmises are correct.

Of course I signed my name to the first letter for a reason. I wanted to demand a hostage in any official lineup. I believed

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you would sacrifice one if  
you rounded up the gang.

I will include a few  
more registration numbers that  
may be helpful - Also, you may  
look up the "White's Farm Dairy  
milk truck -

You may communicate with  
me at 129 Perry Street, New  
Bedford, if you wish.

Very truly yours,  
Anna D. McCue

P.S. My typewriting was pretty  
awful but this is just as  
bad. Please excuse - A. McC.







Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

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You may look into premises given  
as 212 or 218 Massachusetts Ave. to  
Washington - but supposed to be Boston,  
I think - very carefully.

7-576-7502

Division of University Extension.

Massachusetts Department of Education.

NAME OF COURSE.....NAME OF STUDENT.....

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WRITE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER

Sept. 29, 1935.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is a Mrs. Miller in New Bedford - who might interest you. I don't know her address. She is middle-aged - average size - sallow complexion - stocky build - wears glasses - looks something like Marie Duvall - very energetic. (I'm sure this will lead to a romance. Good luck.)

Are you taking care of different rooming houses? For instance, at corner of Middle and Foster? - and County and Sycamore

You may tell whoever is at Marquis's to be careful. It seems to me more than Richard was that car 141,071-

Do you know that two smooth looking Portuguese men of average size went thru the

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N.B. Dry Goods - the other day and made  
a nice-cracking, ungentlemanly remark (not  
the habit of our salesmen, generally) that  
some one happened to say sounded as if  
they hailed from Chicago.

I do so enjoy minding my own  
business, don't I?

Very truly yours -

Anne McCue

P.S. Then there is the tall young man  
who seems to be making a habit of  
passing thru the back of our house.  
I don't like the penchant for  
sneakers that he has developed lately.  
He may work for the Hathaway Co. A. McCue

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October 3, 1935

Miss Anna R. McCue,  
123 Perry Street,  
New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

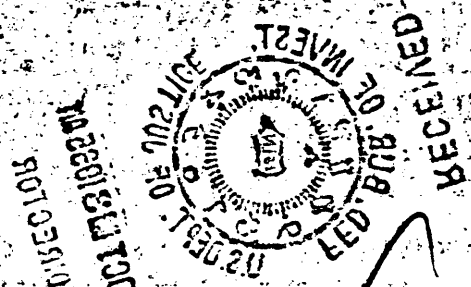
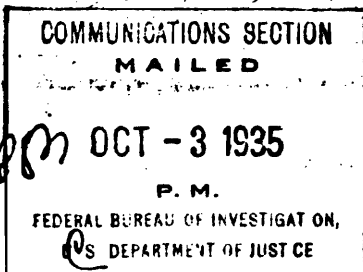
This will acknowledge receipt of your letters dated  
September 24 and September 29, 1935.

Please be advised that the matters referred to by  
you do not come within the investigative jurisdiction of this  
Bureau, for which reason no action can be taken at this time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Boston



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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 24, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218, Et Al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your letter of September 14, 1935 (Bureau file No. 7-576), wherein authority was granted this office to inform Post Office Inspector George Hill of the fact that Jess Doyle, John Langdon, Jack Rich, and another individual whose identity is unknown, perpetrated a mail robbery at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma on September 22, 1934.

This is to advise that Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin contacted Inspector Hill at Tulsa, Oklahoma on September 19, 1935 and advised him of the above information.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Chicago  
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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
September 25, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: R. TONIS, Special Agent

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 23, 1935 directing Agent Tonis to proceed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, public business permitting, for assignment.

Please be advised that Agent Tonis is now at Mankato, Minnesota, on a telephone tap and surveillance in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. During a telephone conversation with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, who was at Toledo, Ohio, today he suggested that the telephone tap be maintained pending present developments outside this district known to the Bureau. He estimated the surveillance at Mankato should continue for approximately ten days.

In view thereof, unless the Bureau otherwise directs, Agent Tonis will not proceed to Philadelphia until the expiration of the surveillance.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Philadelphia

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Edw. H. Bremer

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
September 25, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: M. V. KIRKLAND, Special Agent

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Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Chicago

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Dear Sir:

Re: MYRTLE EATON, with aliases: Ruth Martin,  
M. Ruth Martin, Ruth Hubbard, Sue Bond,  
Sue Hubble, Alice Martin, Myrtle King -  
KIDNAPING.

Identification Order No. 1241 on the above named subject  
is hereby canceled, inasmuch as she was apprehended at Allandale,  
Florida, September 1, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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September 26, 1935

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[REDACTED]  
Referring to your letter of September 16, 1935,  
I am enclosing herewith three copies of the photograph of  
Myrtle Eaton, who, as you have noticed on Identification Order  
No. 1241, has used the alias of Ruth Hubbard.

Information in the possession of this Bureau  
would seem to indicate that the Ruth Hubbard mentioned by you  
is not identical with Myrtle Eaton alias Ruth Hubbard who  
was recently apprehended by Special Agents of this Bureau in  
the vicinity of Allandale, Florida.

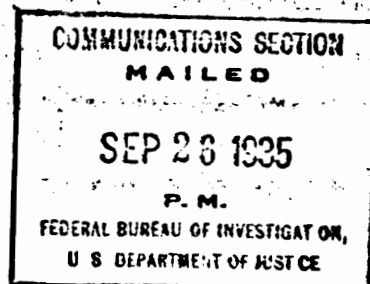
In the hope that this information will be suf-  
ficient to serve your purpose, I remain

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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**FEDERAL CARTRIDGE CORPORATION**  
**MINNEAPOLIS, U.S.A.**

*Charles L. Horn, President*

September 25, 1935

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I acknowledge your letter of the 20th instant. I am enclosing a clipping from the St. Paul paper, which might be of interest to your department.

Thanking you very much for your information, I am,

Yours very truly,

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## ADOLF BREMER ONCE GAVE BOND TO AID WEAVER

Kidnap Suspect Jailed in  
Sawyer's St. Paul  
Saloon

VICTIM'S FATHER  
OWNED PROPERTY

Prisoner to Be Arraigned  
on Charges in Two  
Weeks

Fresh study of kidnap evidence be-  
gun, and pictures. Page 2.

William Weaver, the "tough" mem-  
ber of the Barker-Karpis gang who  
was returned to St. Paul last night,  
was revealed today as once having  
been released from jail on bond fur-  
nished by the father of the man  
Weaver is accused of kidnaping.

This disclosure came as United  
States District Attorney George Sul-  
livan announced that Weaver's ar-  
raignment would be held within two  
weeks. Date for arraignment was  
delayed pending return of Federal  
Judge M. M. Joyce from a vacation  
trip.

Happened Two Years Ago.

The startling revelation that Adolf  
Bremer, wealthy brewer and father  
of Edward G. Bremer, once furnish-  
ed bond for Weaver came from offi-  
cial sources. The incident occurred  
less than two years before young  
Bremer was kidnaped by the Barker-  
Karpis gang for \$200,000.

Weaver was arrested in St. Paul  
with James Colton on Aug. 2, 1932.  
Both were picked up in the notorious  
Wabasha street saloon of Harry Saw-  
yer, alleged "finger-man" of the

Bremer kidnaping who now is await-  
ing trial.

On August 6, Weaver and Colton  
were to appear in court. On the  
night of Aug. 5, it was learned the  
elder Bremer asked Walter Magee,  
St. Paul contractor, to attempt to af-  
fect release of the two men. Magee,  
who later served as contact-man dur-  
ing ransom negotiations, communi-  
cated with Thomas Dahill, then chief  
of police. Weaver and Colton were  
released on \$500 each.

Both immediately jumped bond and  
Weaver had been sought since then  
until his capture by federal agents  
in Florida a few days ago.

Bremer Owned Property

Bremer, it was disclosed, was own-  
er of the Wabasha street property  
where Sawyer's notorious saloon was  
located. Before Sawyer took charge,  
the place was operated by "Dapper  
Dan" Hogan, who until his death  
was a notorious fence for northwest  
holdup loot.

It was not, however, until Weaver  
had been released from custody here  
that it was learned by local police  
that he had shortly before been pa-  
roled from the Oklahoma state peni-  
tentiary by Gov. William H. "Alfal-  
fa Bill" Murray. Weaver was sen-  
tenced to the Oklahoma prison on a  
murder charge.

Parole Revoked

His parole was immediately revok-  
ed after the arrest here.

Weaver, accused as one of the ac-  
tual Bremer kidnapers and frequent-  
ly named during testimony at the  
trial of seven Barker-Karpis gang  
members here last April, also will  
face charges here in connection with  
a \$50,000 railway express holdup in  
1932 and with the attempted slaying  
of Ray McCord, pilot for the North-  
west Airlines.

McCord was shot a few blocks  
from the apartment of Myrtle Eaton,  
who was captured with Weaver in  
Florida. He was pursuing a car  
which he believed contained men  
who had been molesting an apart-  
ment of a friend. When he pulled  
alongside, a blast of gunfire swept  
his car. He was wounded but recov-  
ered. Subsequently it was learned  
that the car contained several mem-  
bers of the Barker-Karpis gang who  
had just arrived at the Eaton apart-  
ment.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
September 26, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent S. K. McKee arrived in  
St. Paul, Minnesota, at 8:35 A.M., today, being  
on subpoena in the Bremer Kidnaping Case. He is  
residing at the Lowry Hotel, Cedar 6600.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Cincinnati

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

P. O. Box #1525  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

September 27, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

<sup>D</sup>  
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter directed  
by this office to the Bureau dated September 17, 1935.

Since the dictation of that letter Stoltz,  
whom the Bureau will recall is employed by the Pennsylvania  
Railroad Company as a machinist in Altoona, Pennsylvania,  
has been investigated by the Superintendent of the Pennsyl-  
vania Railroad Police at Pittsburgh, at my personal request,  
and the results of this investigation indicate that, among  
other things, this individual is suffering [REDACTED] b7c

In addition, the report indicates that some  
time in April of 1935, Stoltz made application to the Altoona  
Police Department for a permit to carry a gun, giving as his  
reason his alleged activities in the Hauptmann case in New  
York and New Jersey. At that time his mental condition was  
investigated and the sheriff's office at Altoona was accordingly  
advised.

Stoltz has again written into the Pittsburgh  
Office, presuming to give further information relative to the  
subjects in the above case, as well as in the William Dainard.  
case.

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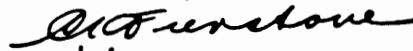
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In view of the report received concerning him and in view of the further fact that his information at Cleveland proved to be without foundation, as by reference to the report of Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 18, 1935, this office is not making any further investigations of the information furnished by him unless the Bureau advises to the contrary.

Very truly yours,

EJR/MIM  
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CC - Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
New York  
Chicago  
St. Paul  
Butte



C. K. FIERSTONE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

September 26, 1935.

Time - 8:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.  
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Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
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Mr. Joseph .....  
Mr. Keith .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Scheidt .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

Special Agent in Charge Nicholson telephoned me from the Detroit Office to advise that about an hour ago, the Agents of that office arrested Cassius McDonald as a fugitive resulting from the filing of the complaint in St. Paul yesterday charging him with conspiracy to violate the kidnaping statute. Mr. Nicholson said that he has just finished talking with Mr. Andersen in St. Paul advising him of this arrest.

Mr. Nicholson further advised that the United States Commissioner is coming down to the office, and McDonald will be arraigned immediately.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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SEPTEMBER 27, 1935

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Transmit the following message to:

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OKLAHOMA CITY

BREKID JACKSONVILLE INSTRUCTED INFORM YOU DATE AND PLACE TO WHICH  
BODIES OF KATE AND FRED BARKER SHIPPED. ARRANGE COVER ~~FOR~~ BURIAL

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REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-26-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-13-35 to 9-17-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. J. NORSTROM</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232 HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1235 WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238 WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239 WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1241, et al MORTIMER S. EATON - Victim EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

Volney Davis advised as to the participation of Tom Brown of St. Paul with instant kidnaping and other information of possible interest. Interview with Arthur Barker unproductive. Informants in this district contacted for information concerning remaining Subjects.

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**REFERENCE:**

Reports of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, 8-9-35 and 8-24-35.

**DETAILS:**

On 8-26-35 Volney Davis was interviewed at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, by Special Agents A. E. Farland and A. J. Norstrom relative to his escape from Bureau Agents at Yorkville, Illinois, in February, 1935, and to any possible assistance that Matthew Gleason might have rendered him in this escape. Davis refused to impart any information concerning this matter other than to say that Gleason took no part in aiding his escape. Davis also volunteered the information that if Earl Christman's mother, who resides in Kansas City, Missouri, would

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have an opportunity to talk to Arthur Barker at the penitentiary, he was sure that Barker would divulge the location of Earl Christman's body and he suggested that Mrs. Christman might advise Barker that she wished to give Earl Christman's body a descent burial and he felt positive that Barker would advance the desired information.

Davis also volunteered the information that Byron Bolton, Doc Barker, George Zeigler, Fred Stone, Alvin Karpis and Harry Sawyer participated in the mail robbery which occurred at Chicago, Illinois, on 12-22-33, at which time Miles Cunningham, a Chicago Police officer, was killed. He advised that Arthur Barker had been slightly wounded by Byron Bolton in this engagement when Bolton accidentally hit him in the left ring finger, splintering a large diamond ring which Barker wore on his left hand, when Bolton was firing at the officers with a machine gun. Davis advised that Elmer Farmer could give a great deal of information concerning the participation in this robbery, in that the evening of the robbery Farmer had harbored all of the participants at his home in Bensenville and, accordingly, knew the exact details of the whole matter.

Davis said that another matter that might possibly be of interest to the Bureau was concerning an infernal machine which Farmer had in his possession. He advised that George Zeigler and Byron Bolton had originally conceived the idea of this infernal machine to free Al Capone from the penitentiary if he was sentenced to serve more years to the penitentiary than they thought he could possibly serve without too much discomfort. However, the machine was later perfected to be used in bank robberies on bank employees and on victims in kidnappings. The machine described by Davis consisted of two time clocks and a timing device filled with nitro glycerine which was strapped with a fool proof lock to the victim's leg and the clocks were set for sufficient length of time for the victim to produce whatever was demanded of him. Davis said the perfection of this machine had cost Bolton and Zeigler \$15,000.00 and that four of the machines are now in existence and all of them are in the possession of Elmer Farmer.

Davis was again interviewed on 9-9-35 by Agents Norstrom and Farland and on this date he advised that it was his information that the following persons were to receive \$20,000.00 of the Bremer ransom money, less expenses: Byron Bolton, Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, William Weaver, Harry Campbell, Harry Sawyer, Tom Brown, Fred Goetz and Charles Fitzgerald. Davis said that he received approximately \$5,000.00 and a new Ford car for his share of the ransom money. He said that his part in the abduction was merely taking care of the women in the party.



Davis also stated that Tom Brown, Chief of Detectives of the St. Paul Police Department, was to have received \$20,000.00 for the part that he played in the abduction, but in that he was responsible for the killing of Homer Van Meter the rest of the gang refused to pay him anything. Davis said that the part that Brown played in the abduction was in that he was well acquainted with all the activities at the Bremer home and in the St. Paul Police Department after the kidnaping, he was to furnish the information to the gang so that safe contacts could be made in delivering the ransom notes and obtaining the ransom money.

Davis also stated that Bryon Bolton received two equal shares in the kidnaping money and that after Fred Goetz was killed he received Irene Dorsey's share of the money.

Davis stated that he was in St. Paul on the 17th of January, the day of the kidnaping, and was not aware that the abduction had taken place, but was advised that evening by Fred Barker and Fred Goetz to leave town as it would not be safe for him to stay. He said that he did not leave the town until the night of the 18th or the morning of the 19th of January, at which time he took a bus to Chicago and met Edna Murray on University Avenue in Chicago.

Davis also stated that although Charles Fitzgerald received an equal split of the ransom money, he took no part in the actual abduction. Davis explained this in that Fred Barker and Fitzgerald had been very intimate friends and that Fitzgerald had been wounded during the South St. Paul robbery and was still a cripple from the same, Barker felt that in that he was still a part of the gang he should receive an equal part of the proceeds. However, Davis stated that although Fitzgerald was not in the actual abduction that at a later date he helped exchange the ransom money.

Concerning Davis' activities after he escaped from Federal Agents at Yorkville, Davis said that he purchased a 1935 Ford Coupe from one Tony Moreno. Davis said that he accomplished this through calling Jim Farmer at Bensenville, Illinois, and stating that he was Mike Moreno and wanted to get in touch with the person who furnished Elmer Farmer with his automobile. Jim Farmer agreed to this and stated that he would have Tony Moreno meet him on North Avenue in Elmhurst which was subsequently done. Davis said that he met Tony Moreno at the appointed place and Moreno agreed to have a car for him within three days. Moreno subsequently furnished this car for which Davis paid \$125.00. Davis stated that Tony Moreno was the same person from whom he purchased a yellow automobile which he delivered to Dillinger the night after the gang had buried John Hamilton near Aurora, Illinois.

Davis positively stated that he was sure that Mike Moreno

was not the same person as Tony Moreno, in that he personally knows Mike Moreno.

Davis was questioned as to his knowledge concerning the killing of Gus Winkler at Chicago and advised that he was not acquainted with any of the facts of the killing, but in his mind he believed that Verne Miller and Charles Fitzgerald killed him. Davis could give no facts to support his allegation other than his personal belief that in that Winkler owed Miller and Fitzgerald a large sum of money and they were having difficulty over payment of same, he felt that Miller and Fitzgerald had killed him because of their differences.

On 8-29-35 arrangements were made by Special Agents A. E. Farland and M. B. Rhodes to interview Arthur Barker at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, for the purpose of questioning him as to the locality where Earl Christman was buried in Kansas City.

On the morning of 8-29-35 Agents Farland and Rhodes proceeded to the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, for the purpose of interviewing Doc Barker. Upon their arrival they immediately contacted Warden Fred G. Zerbst, who stated that he had complied with our suggestion as to the newspapers and that they were still being held in the guard house. Warden Zerbst also handed Agent Farland a note which he had received early that morning through the Deputy Warden from prisoner Volney Davis which in substance said that he wanted to see Agent Farland before Farland talked to anyone else in the prison. Warden Zerbst ordered Davis brought to the conference room in his office where Davis informed Agent Farland and Agent Rhodes that the inmates of the prison, including those in the isolation ward where he and Barker are presently confined, knew of the recovery of the body of John Hamilton; that they had heard the announcement over the radio at 5 P.M. on the previous day giving this information. Davis also stated that he had called across the corridor to his cell block and asked Doc Barker if he had heard the above announcement and that Barker replied that he had. Davis further informed Agents that he feared that Barker might suspect him, Davis, of having furnished the lead to Agents of the Bureau which resulted in the finding of Hamilton's body, and suggested that when Agents talked to Barker that they cause him to believe that the information which Davis had previously furnished relative to the location of Hamilton's body, was furnished by Edna Murray and Byron Bolton. Davis was greatly worried over the release of the Hamilton story in view of the fact that he had been interviewed several times immediately prior to the recovery of the body, and it was he that suggested that Doc Barker be interviewed.

Following the above interview with Volney Davis, Doc Barker was interviewed by Agents on the morning of 8-29-35, in the Deputy Warden's office in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and was questioned at length without results. He was particularly

questioned as to whether or not he could furnish information as to where the body of Earl Christman was buried. He stated that he did not know and would give no other reply. However, before the end of the interview Barker assumed a more cooperative attitude and it is believed he may later divulge some information. He stated during the interview that he believed he was to be sent to Alcatraz Prison and that he might be better off there than where he is at the present time and he said that he did not care where he was sent as it could be no worse than where he was presently confined. Just before leaving Barker was asked if he could furnish any information as to what had become of Willie Harrison whom Davis had previously furnished information to the effect that he had been "put on the spot" in an abandoned factory near Bensenville, Illinois, and killed by Bolton, Doc Barker and Elmer Farmer. Barker would make no reply. Barker informed Agents that he had heard of the recovery of the body of Hamilton over the radio on the previous evening, but would make no comment. In order to protect Davis, Agents intimated to Barker that the lead as to the location of Hamilton's body was furnished by Edna Murray and Byron Bolton.

Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. S. Reeder called on Mrs. Mary Christman, mother of Earl Christman, deceased, at 3537 Tracy Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of enlisting her cooperation in discovering the burial place of her son as was related by Volney Davis during a recent interview at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mrs. Christman advised that she was first aware of the death of her son Saturday, 8-25-35, when a news article appeared in the Kansas City Star concerning an admission from Jess Doyle in St. Paul that Earl had died at the home of Verne Miller on Edgevale Road in Kansas City. This was a great shock to her, as well as to other members of the family, as they were unaware that Earl had ever engaged in any type of criminal activity other than gambling or something of that nature. The news account was the first information that the family had ever received that Earl had participated in the Fairbury, Nebraska, bank robbery. Mrs. Christman felt that he had died in that she had not heard from him for a period of three years and he had customarily sent her greetings on Christmas, Easter and Mother's day.

She was advised that Doc Barker at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, could possibly give some information as to the burial place of her son and that an interview by her with Doc could possibly produce the desired results. Mrs. Christman at first was somewhat reluctant to consent to this proposition, stating that in that he was dead and buried she wished to avoid any additional embarrassment and publicity for the sake of her sons and daughters who apparently are law abiding and respected citizens. Mrs. Christman also

stated that in the event that her son's body was found there would be the additional expense of burial at Wichita, Kansas, which she felt that she was unable to bear. Later, after giving the matter some consideration she stated that she would like to know where her son was buried so that her mind would be set at ease. She arranged to discuss the matter with her family and advise at a later date.

Mrs. Christman is suffering with a broken hip at the present time and is and will be unable to walk for at least two months and, of course, she could not visit Barker at present. She thought that her youngest son might talk to Barker and endeavor to obtain some information of value concerning the disposition of Earl's body. Mrs. Christman expressed her appreciation for the interest shown in her case and advised that a decision would be reached at a later date.

With reference to the report of Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry, Detroit, Michigan, 6-27-35, Special Agents D. A. Bryce and D. I. McCain made inquiries of Mr. Travis, Postmaster, Joplin, Missouri, and Ed Portley, Chief of Detectives, Joplin, Missouri, for information concerning Dutch and Shorty, mentioned in reference report, without success. Detective Victor Fetty of the Joplin Police Department advised Agent Bryce that a Dutch Carpenhagen, a petty thief, lived about fifteen miles from Joplin and was known to the officers of Joplin, Missouri, but he knew of no Shorty in the vicinity. It is to be noted that during the time that inquiries were made by Agent Bryce he was making an intensive investigation through the territory mentioned in reference report looking towards the apprehension of numerous bank robbers in this district.

[redacted] an informant who has been previously interviewed by Agents Bryce and McCain, advised Agent Bryce on 8-17-35 that he had secured information that Harry Campbell was now in the vicinity of Joplin, Missouri. He further stated that he knew a young woman who was very close to Campbell who now resides at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that he would contact this person to determine if Campbell had made any contacts in the vicinity in recent months. [redacted] advised Agent Bryce that he would immediately make arrangements to contact this woman at Coffeyville, Kansas. He was advised that a \$1,000.00 reward could and would be paid for information leading to Campbell's apprehension. [redacted] advised that it was his information that Karpis and Campbell had split up and that they were no longer together. [redacted] is regarded as a reliable informant by the Kansas City office in view of the information of the above character submitted in the past in connection with numerous bank robbers in the Kansas City district.

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On 8-23-35 [redacted] was again contacted by Agent Bryce and he advised that he was in close contact with an ex-convict in

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Joplin whose name he would not divulge and who was a friend of Campbell and, therefore, was well aware of the presence of Campbell when he was in that section of the country. [redacted] advised Agent Bryce that his source of information informed him that within thirty days he would have something definite to report and that he would immediately notify [redacted] who in turn would notify the Kansas City office and at that time [redacted] and the informant would make arrangements to put Campbell on the "spot". As previously reported, [redacted] stated that Karpis and Campbell were not together and that his informant confirms this information.

On 7-15-35 the Kansas City office was advised by A. S. Cooper, operative of the Burns Detective Agency, Tulsa, Oklahoma, that one Gus Hawk had been arrested at Independence, Kansas, on a local burglary charge; that he had been released on bond awaiting preliminary hearing to take place on 9-5-35. Mr. Cooper advised that Hawk had informed the local officers that he had information in his possession concerning the whereabouts of Harry Campbell and that Hawk's attorney, F. B. Hanlon, of Coffeyville, Kansas, might know where he was.

On 8-22-35 Special Agent W. John McNulty interviewed Attorney F. B. Hanlon, 130 1/2 West 8th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, who advised that his client Gus Hart, alias George Hart, was at that time free on a \$5,000.00 bond for a burglary at Independence, Kansas, and his preliminary hearing would take place on 9-5-35. Hanlon advised that his client's name was Hart, not Hawk; that Hart had a wide acquaintance in the underworld and had informed that in the forepart of July, 1935, he had been with Harry Campbell in Joplin, Missouri. He further advised that Hart had informed him that Campbell and he were to commit a robbery at Joplin on 7-20-35 but that Hart's arrest at Independence prevented.

Chief of Police Truman S. Thompson, Independence, Kansas, furnished Agent McNulty with the following description of Gus Hart:

Age - 40 years (in 1924)  
Height - 5 feet 10 1/2 inches  
Weight - 173 pounds  
Hair - black  
Eyes - brown  
Complexion - medium

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On 9-6-35 Special Agent B. P. Cruise interviewed Mr. Hanlon, who stated that Gus Hart, his client, was an ex-convict from the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and was well acquainted with hoodlums in Oklahoma, Southern Missouri and Southern Kansas. He stated Hart resided principally in Joplin, Missouri, and lived with a paramour there by the name of Lee Galbraith, a woman ex-convict from the State Penitentiary at San Quentin, California. He stated that Lee Galbraith had been sentenced to San Quentin under the name of Marie Kemy from a county in Southern California on a charge of burglary and larceny, and had been paroled about a year ago. Mr. Hanlon informed that in his opinion Lee Galbraith would not divulge any information. Mr. Hanlon informed that his client, Gus Hart, had made an appointment to see Hanlon in Hanlon's office at 5:30 P.M., 9-6-35, and would inform Agent Cruise of any connections with Harry Campbell.

Agent Cruise interviewed Gus Hart in Mr. Hanlon's office. Hart appeared to be about 45 years old, 6 feet tall, brown eyes, medium complexion, robust build. Hart stated that he had served a sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester in 1913 and that since then he had been well acquainted with hoodlums in Oklahoma, Southern Missouri and Southern Kansas. He stated that he personally knew the Barkers, Karpis, Davis, Campbell, Herb Farmer, Blackie Doyle, Vivian Chase, Jess Doyle and others. Hart advised that he knew for a certainty that Harry Campbell had not been associated with Alvin Karpis during the last six months, since he, Hart, had been in close contact with Campbell for the past six months, having known Campbell, however, for three or four years. He stated that Harry Campbell was driving a 1934 black Plymouth Coupe, license number unknown, advising that Harry Campbell was in the practice of changing license plates frequently. Harry Campbell, he stated, slept in his automobile much of the time.

Upon requesting Hart to describe Harry Campbell, Hart stated Campbell was about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches tall, weighed about 160 pounds and walks with a limp. Other descriptive data of Campbell coincides with the description given on I.O. 1236. Agent asked Hart if Campbell was as tall as he, Hart, and Hart replied that Campbell was not quite as tall as himself and he himself was 6 feet tall. From Agent's observation Hart appeared to be about 6 feet tall. Hart stated that he knew that Harry Campbell, with whom he had been associated, was the Harry Campbell wanted in the Bremer case for he had talked to Campbell about instant case; that Campbell denied participation in instant case. Hart advised that when asking about Campbell's past operations and associates Hart informed he did not make a practice of asking too many questions and did not get much information as to Campbell's past. Hart stated that he and Campbell had planned to rob the Empire Light Company Building, Joplin, Missouri, on 7-20-35, but that Hart's arrest shortly previous to that time in

connection with burglary at Independence, Kansas, had temporarily disrupted their plans. He added, however, that he expected at any time that Campbell would contact him in Joplin with the end in view of carrying through their plans to make the robbery. Hart, in the presence of Mr. Hanlon, stated that in the event Campbell contacted him he would arrange for a meeting with Campbell several hours later and, if possible, a day later and immediately inform Attorney Hanlon of the arrangements and Mr. Hanlon informed that he would immediately, upon receipt of information from Hart, telephone the Kansas City Bureau office.

Agent Cruise told Hart, in the presence of Hanlon, that the Bureau would pay \$1,000.00 for information leading to Campbell's arrest, providing that that information were given to the Bureau exclusively. Hart advised that that was satisfactory and stated that he had no hesitancy in causing Campbell's arrest for the reason that he had expected Campbell to spring him from the jail at Independence, Kansas, and that Campbell had not done so.

In view of the very inaccurate description of Campbell given by Hart and in view of his general boastful demeanor in knowing parties wanted by the Bureau, it is not thought that Hart is very reliable.

Agent Cruise showed Gus Hart the identification order of Harry Campbell and Hart advised that it was apparent that the picture was that of Campbell, but that it was not a good likeness of Campbell.

Hart informed Agent Cruise that he personally knew Subject Alvin Karpis and had seen Karpis in Joplin, Missouri, about a month ago. He stated, however, that he did not know who Karpis contacted in Joplin and could give no information by which Karpis could be apprehended should he return to Joplin. He stated that Karpis had a sister named Opal, last name unknown, living near Gunnison, Colorado, and that he had personally met Opal there. Hart informed that if he wanted to locate Karpis he would proceed to Gunnison, Colorado, drive twenty-five or thirty miles northwest of Gunnison, Colorado, where Opal lived with a man whose first name was Charlie, last name unknown. He added that Opal lived in a tent about one hundred fifty or two hundred feet from the highway and that this tent could be located near the highway about twenty-five to thirty miles northwest of Gunnison, Colorado, across the road from a dance hall which would appear on the right hand side of the road which lead from Gunnison; that the tent in which Opal lived was on the left of the highway leading from Gunnison, Colorado, immediately opposite a dance hall. He stated that a man named Bill Rich, a prominent fisherman and sportsman in the vicinity of where Opal lived was well known in that vicinity and could easily be located; that Bill Rich was

active as a post office for hoodlums all over the country. He stated that Opal and Charlie were friends of Bill Rich and Bill Rich's wife Jessie. Hart stated that if an Agent would contact Bill Rich in the guise of a fisherman or vacationer and spent a few weeks fishing with Bill Rich that Opal and Charlie would show up.

Hart described Opal as being about 33 to 35 years, build heavy set, weight 150 pounds, height 5 feet 4 or 5 inches, complexion dark, hair brown, peculiarities not good looking, acts like a man, good marksman, criminal record unknown to Hart.

When asked how he knew Opal was a sister of Karpis, Hart stated that he had been on a drinking party with Bill Rich and his wife Jessie and that Opal and Charlie were present at the party; that Bill Rich had told him that Opal was Alvin Karpis' sister. Hart believed that Alvin Karpis could be found in the vicinity of Gunnison, Colorado, with his sister Opal.

F. B. Hanlon advised that an informant of his, [REDACTED] whose address is [REDACTED], had furnished the information to Special Agent Hall, Oklahoma City office, a little over a year ago which led to the location of the Nut House in Chicago. He stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was a reliable source of information. Mr. Hanlon arranged for an interview by Agent with [REDACTED] at 9 A.M., 9-7-35.

Agent on 9-7-35 interviewed [REDACTED] in Mr. Hanlon's office. [REDACTED] advised that she had [REDACTED]

Hill's place was closed about two months ago by Oklahoma State authorities. She stated that she believed [REDACTED] Earl Morris, together with Jess Doyle and Al Sherwood, and possibly others, had robbed a mail truck in Coffeyville, Kansas, about a year ago. She informed that [REDACTED] was well acquainted with hoodlums in the vicinity. [REDACTED] further stated that last spring a man giving his name as Jimmy Murphy White had been to visit Al Sherwood in Coffeyville and from the conversation which she overheard between Sherwood and [REDACTED] others in South Coffeyville, Jimmy Murphy White lived in an apartment at 21 and C Street, Washington, D.C., and that White was an underworld contact. She added that at the time Jimmy Murphy White left Coffeyville, Earl Morris also left Coffeyville and that she was unable to locate Earl Morris until his return to Coffeyville some weeks later. During this interval [REDACTED] had gone to Al Sherwood for the purpose of ascertaining where

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Earl Morris was and Al Sherwood had refused to tell her, stating that if she would write a letter to Earl Morris and give it to him he would see to it that the letter reached Earl Morris. [REDACTED] believed that Earl Morris had gone to Washington, D. C., with Jimmy Murphy White at that time.

[REDACTED] further stated that while Jess Doyle was living at Pittsburg, Kansas, she believed that Earl Morris and Al Sherwood were in close contact with him.

[REDACTED] further informed that about a year or more ago she had seen a party in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, near McCabe's filling station, who was pointed out to her as Harry Campbell and that she would recognize this party should she see him again. Agent showed her a picture on the identification order of Harry Campbell and she stated that there was some resemblance. She stated that a few months ago some officers had appeared at South Coffeyville looking for Harry Campbell, Harry Campbell having been reported to be there and that after the departure of the officers she heard McCabe, who operates a filling station in South Coffeyville, make the remark that he, McCabe, knew positively that Harry Campbell had not been in South Coffeyville for the reason that if Harry Campbell should appear the first man he would contact would be McCabe.

[REDACTED] advised that she would keep on the lookout for Harry Campbell and information which might lead to his apprehension and the apprehension of other parties, and would immediately inform the Kansas City office.

Agent left with [REDACTED] the address and telephone number of the Kansas City Bureau office.

F. B. Hanlon informed Agent Cruise that Tommy Hill's Casa Del Camina had been closed by Oklahoma State authorities about two months ago and that Tommy Hill was presently operating the Tri State Steel Company in South Coffeyville dealing in oil field supplies, such as pipe, etc.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge J. A. Dowd, Omaha, 6-5-35, in this matter wherein it is noted that a confidential informant of the Omaha office informs that Ray Larson, Raymond Peil and Jim Frost of Topeka, Kansas, were close friends of Karpis in the past.

With the assistance of Detective Sturm of the Topeka, Kansas, Police Department, the writer contacted Jim Frost at 314 Golden

Avenue, Topeka. Frost is a man 32 years of age and has resided in Topeka all his life. He is married, has two children and although he has worked as a plasterer, he now is working on county relief projects. He states that he has known Karpis for a number of years and grew up with him in Topeka. They were partners in operating a hamburger shop on 11th and 4th Streets in Topeka during the years of 1924 and 1925, and were in business together when Karpis was sent to Hutchinson the first time in 1926. He stated that he and Karpis were always the best of friends and that if Karpis were to return to Topeka he was positive that he would be the first person contacted by him.

Frost stated that in the summer of 1926 he was sent to Hutchinson for stealing an outboard motor and there renewed his acquaintanceship with Karpis. He was at that place also when Karpis escaped.

Frost said that the last time that Karpis was in Topeka was about three years ago at which time he met him in a beer parlor on the north side of Topeka. Karpis was driving a new Buick Sedan and was accompanied by one Steno who had done time with him at Hutchinson. Since that time he has not seen Karpis although he heard from a friend, whose name he would not divulge, that he had seen Karpis at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, about a year ago. He further stated that he doubted if Karpis would ever return to Topeka as he was too well known. Concerning the rumors that Karpis had been there on several occasions within the past year, Frost expressed the opinion that they were absolutely without foundation. Frost offered, in the event that information was received by the Bureau that Karpis was in the vicinity of Topeka, to lend his assistance in uncovering any information that would be of value. He stated that he was well acquainted with all the members of the Karpis family, including Albert Grooms of Topeka.

Frost advised that he did not know Harry Campbell or any other Subjects in this case. He was evidently sincere in his statements, but when discussing the possibilities of making contact with Karpis, he said that it would be a waste of time because he was entirely unfamiliar with Karpis' present activities and associates.

Concerning Ray Larson and Raymond Peil, mentioned in the reference report, Frost said that it was his information that Larson is in the Missouri Penitentiary at Jefferson City and Peil is in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing.

From the Identification Unit of the Topeka, Kansas, Police Department, the following information concerning Frost, Peil and Larson was obtained:

Jim Frost, Topeka Police Department #69  
Fingerprint classification    9    U    10    15  
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Height - 5 feet 8 inches  
Weight - 150 pounds  
Eyes - brown  
Hair - dark brown  
Marks - three fingers and thumb amputated on left hand

Raymond Peil, Topeka Police Department #407  
Fingerprint classification 

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Age - 21 (in 1926)  
Height - 5 feet 8 inches  
Weight - 150 pounds  
Hair - black  
Eyes - brown

Ray Larson, Topeka Police Department #405  
Fingerprint classification 

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Age - 34 (in 1930)  
Height - 5 feet 10 inches  
Weight - 152 pounds  
Eyes - brown  
Hair - brown

At the suggestion of William Link, Topeka Police Department, the writer also contacted Herb Irish, engineer at the Boys Industrial School, Topeka, with reference to any knowledge that he might have concerning Karpis. Irish advised that he had known Karpis when he was in Topeka prior to his incarceration at Hutchinson. He also stated that he was in Johnson's Pool Hall in Topeka in December, 1934, when a man entered wearing dark glasses whom he did not recognize and when the talk drifted to Karpis this man left. Someone in the place thought that this person might be Karpis and called the police, but this person was never apprehended. Although Irish said that he did not recognize the man, his general stature conformed somewhat to that of Karpis. Other than that he has heard or seen nothing of Karpis in recent years and could give no information of value, but did promise that in the event that his services were of any value at a subsequent time, in the event that Karpis did make an appearance in the vicinity of Topeka, he would immediately report it to the Kansas City office of the Bureau and lend his assistance in procuring whatever information of value that he could.

Within the past several weeks numerous efforts have been made to contact H. A. Morgan, Charleston Apartments, 515 West 15th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, who was mentioned in the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, 8-9-35, as a possible informant concerning Harry Campbell. On 9-3-35 the writer and Special Agent W. John McNulty were advised by Mrs. E. C. Platt, manager of the Charleston Apartments that Morgan had left the apartments owing her a week's rent and that his departure was unknown to her. Mrs. Platt could furnish no information concerning his associates or possible whereabouts.

Officer Logan was again contacted at the Union Station and he advised that he has not seen Morgan of late in that Morgan is no longer a bartender at the Reno Club. Logan stated, however, that he was well acquainted with all of the contacts of Morgan and was quite certain that he would be able to locate him within a short time.

Logan was again contacted on 9-4-35 and advised that he had received information to the effect that Morgan had taken a trip to some point in Arkansas and intended to be gone about a week. Logan agreed to contact him on his return to Kansas City and make arrangements so that another interview could be had with Morgan for the purpose of ascertaining if additional information has been developed concerning Harry Campbell.

On 9-5-35 Hugh Larimer, formerly a Special Agent of this Bureau, appeared at the Kansas City Bureau office and advised that about a week ago he had been talking to one Tom Powell, formerly a Deputy Sheriff of Topeka, Kansas, and presently employed by the city, at the City Hall, 7th and Quincy Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. Powell told Mr. Larimer that about three weeks prior thereto he had been in the Post Office and had seen Alvin Karpis call for mail there. Mr. Larimer states that Powell knew Karpis as Karpis was from Topeka, Kansas.

On 9-11-35 Tom Powell was contacted by Special Agent A. S. Reeder at the Sanitary Department of the City Hall, Topeka, Kansas, who advised that three or four months prior to the time of the interview he had seen Alvin Karpis walking down the steps at the Main Post Office, Topeka, Kansas. At first he did not recognize him. He later recalled that this individual he had seen was Karpis and he was positive in his identification in that he had known Karpis when he was attending grade school in Topeka and also had had trouble with him while he, Powell, was a Deputy Sheriff at Topeka. Powell stated that when he first met Karpis on the afternoon in question his mind was on other things and he did not recognize him on first glance, but after recalling that it was Karpis he made several efforts to locate him in

town without success. He stated he did not report the matter to the local police as he wanted Karpis turned over to the Bureau as he was not anxious to work with the local Police Department. Mr. Powell was given the telephone number of the Kansas City office and he agreed to notify the office if any information should develop in the future concerning Karpis.

While at the Sheriff's office at Topeka, Kansas, Agent Reeder on the same date was also advised by Deputy Sheriff Jack Harrison that a confidential informant the week previous had told him that Karpis had recently been to visit the sister of a convict named MacKay, first name unknown, and that this sister lived in Cassiday, Matfield Green or Eureka, Kansas, a wild country that afforded excellent possibilities for hideouts. Karpis is alleged to have given MacKay's sister \$500.00 for protection while he was there and Harrison said he talked to his informant a short time prior to Agent Reeder's visit and had been informed that Karpis had just left the place. Harrison further advised Agent Reeder that he might gain some information from Mrs. Sybil Lafferty, 300 Klein Avenue, Topeka, Kansas, whose brother, Elmer "Swede" Anderson had been a close associate of Karpis when he was in Topeka.

Agent Reeder contacted Mrs. Lafferty, who advised she had neither seen nor heard of Karpis for twelve or thirteen years although she thought that perhaps her brother might know something concerning him. Agent Reeder did not interview "Swede" Anderson in that other Agents of the Kansas City office had previously interviewed him and at no time had he ever divulged any information of value.

Harrison further advised Agent Reeder that one Ray Peil, presently incarcerated in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, had made overtures to the law enforcement officials at Topeka offering to locate Karpis if they would quash an indictment against him, which the Prosecuting Attorney refused to do.

Sheriff Rogers informed Agent Reeder that it is believed that Peil might produce Karpis if he had an opportunity to do so and further that Special Agent A. E. Farland had talked to Peil previous to his being taken to Lansing, but that he would not talk at that time.

Under date of 7-16-35 Milton C. James, Deputy Sheriff, McPherson County, McPherson, Kansas, addressed a letter to the Bureau advising that he had received a tip relative to Alvin Karpis and requesting that his office be furnished with an identification order on Karpis. On 7-20-35 the Kansas City Bureau office replied to Mr. James' letter and enclosed two copies of identification orders of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

On 8-27-35 Special Agent R. J. Brandt interviewed Undersheriff James, who advised that a woman living near McPherson, Kansas, had been a very close friend of Karpis and would be able to furnish information concerning his present whereabouts. Undersheriff James then advised that one Doris Stanley, who operated the Chicken Inn, one mile south of McPherson, Kansas, was the individual. Subsequent investigation disclosed that Doris Stanley is Doris O'Conner, who has been previously interviewed on numerous occasions by Agents of the Kansas City Bureau office for information concerning fugitives in this case. Undersheriff James advised Agent Brandt that Doris Stanley had advised him that Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell had been at the Chicken Inn approximately six weeks prior to the interview and she expected them to return and in the event they did so she would notify Undersheriff James immediately, but that she did not wish to notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation as she stated she had cooperated fully with the Kansas City office and was instrumental in the apprehension of Volney Davis at Chicago, Illinois, but that she had been double-crossed by the Bureau and would not cooperate with Mr. James if the Bureau were notified.

From the facts related by Mr. James it appeared evident to Agent Brandt that the information received from Mr. James was not of practical value, at that time, due to the fact that Doris O'Conner was believed to have been an unreliable source of information during interviews had with her by Agents of Kansas City and also in that she was not instrumental in the capture of Volney Davis at Chicago, Illinois. However, Agent Brandt and Undersheriff James proceeded to the Chicken Inn where Doris O'Conner was interviewed by Agent Brandt without disclosing his identity, but no information of value was obtained.

In the opinion of Undersheriff James, Doris O'Conner is playing his office for leniency in that numerous violations of the Kansas Prohibition Law have been reported concerning her and he agreed that if he received any information of value from her he would immediately transmit the same to the Kansas City Bureau office.

On 9-17-35 the Kansas City office received a letter addressed to Special Agent A. J. Norstrom from Edna Murray, register #28973, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, advising that she had been thinking things over and that she was ready to help the Bureau and herself and requested that an interview be had with her. This matter will be taken care of immediately.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Jefferson City, Missouri, will interview Edna Murray in the Missouri State Penitentiary in an endeavor

to obtain all pertinent information concerning this case that she may be willing to divulge.

At Joplin, Missouri, will endeavor to contact [REDACTED] for any further information that he may have concerning Harry Campbell. b7c b7d

At Kansas City, Missouri, will endeavor to contact Mrs. Christman relative to her decision to assist in the location of Earl Christman's body.

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